PRESIDENT'S HORSES

HOW ROOSEVELT'S PETS ARE HOUSED IN WASHINGTON.

White House Stables Have Been Enlarged, but It Is Planned to Have New Ones Built Soon-Foreman of Stablemen an Ex-Jockey.

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COLRRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.

Not since Arthur's time have we had in a chief executive such a lover of horses as is President Roosevelt, and consequently he is giving a great deal of attention to the White House stables. They are being looked after as never before, and the stablemen are earning every dollar of their salary these days. Not only is the president extremely fond of horses, but he is also one of the best judges of them in this country. To please his critical eye an animal must be entirely free from the slightest ailment or blemish

In looking around for a team awhile ago he had three beautiful horses sent from New York for his inspection They were superb beasts to all appearances, and the employees in the White House stables were enthusiastic in up to date. their praise. It took the president however, less than ten minutes to surmise that something was wrong, and a veterinary who was called in soon confirmed his suspicions. It was a great with their country homes. disappointment to the president, as finer animals are seldom seen, but he has succeeded in securing two fine specimens of horseflesh. They are two it gets to be worth \$8 to \$10 per ton, handsome bays standing sixteen hands we will make it in the right way-in high, weighing 2,350 pounds and are the cock. five years old.

The White House stables consist of two buildings, a two story red brick structure erected in 1871 and a low, mambling, yellow framed building pounds sold which was the historic stable that to keep it? housed the presidents' horses previous to that date. They are situated at the corner of Seventeenth and E street, in a corner of the park south of and adjoining the White House grounds. Recently the stables have been enlarged under the direct supervision of Colonel Theodore Bingham, superintendent of public buildings and grounds.

The stable attendants are nearly all white men now, but up to four years ago were nearly all negroes, and the few colored hands now employed are toes. hired to uo the work of cleaning the



ENTRANCE TO WHITE HOUSE STABLES. Skunk farms are a failure, the two stables and keeping the adjacent grounds in order. The foreman of the president's stable is Arthur Hurley, an the rather curious reason that when ex-jockey and a man thoroughly versed these animals are raised in captivity in horse lore. He is a short, thick set the quality of their fur so degenerates west is extended in the set of man of thirty-eight years and a native as to become almost worthless. of the District. Hurley was in the

service of President Hayes when a boy We incline to the opinion that it is all right that our nice girls should get farm and used to assist in exercising the



and exposed to the weather compared with what there used to be. It is strange, but nevertheless true, that the better off men have become the more prudent and economical they get.

The American mule when taken to Africa to help fight the Boers does not seem to have that regard for the Britsh army regulations which he should, being given to stampeding and running into the Boer lines when a scrimmage is on.

The use of the manure spreader will We live to enjoy a fly, sparrow and

Good cats, milk fed, around the barns are the best rat exterminators we have

flesh and fishy in flavor and should be permitted to seek their northern nest-Another improvement is the installing grounds in peace after six months ment of a telephone in the country schoolhouse connecting the children of continuous bombarding.

THE HABIT OF VISITING.

We heard a man complaining lately The best hay when made and the that the farmers' telephone line which nost difficult to make is clover. When served him was often unavailable for business for the reason that the farmers' wives on the line had got into such a habit of visiting over the phone. We

have not heard a better argument ad-A spring chicken weighing two vanced for the installment of the rural pounds sold in July will bring as much money as the same bird weighing four telephone service than this. pounds sold in December. Does it pay

PROTEIN FOODS.

A good bathroom should have a place farm which are richest in protein-the milkmaking, flesh forming elements as on every new farm home built, even if not more than \$1,200 is spent on such a home. It is not in any sense a luxdistinguished from the fat forming ury, but an absolute necessity. products. Here they are: Clover, al-

While a possible crop of onions is 800 bushels per acre under exceptional conditons, an average crop may be placed at 300 bushels, or about twice as many bushels per acre as of pota-

The old man runs a good deal of risk with either a young, spirited

He is liable to have a runaway in either case.

A scolding wife in the home is not a pleasing thing, but if a man makes her gather her own fuel, won't furnish her scold all she wants to.

Men who have tried the White Holland turkeys tell us that while they will stay at home and bring more in the market than the bronze birds they are too tender and lie down and die without any provocation at all.

We are pleased to note recently the fact that in an audience of over 100 tion is a very live one in that state, the adies, all well and fashionably dressed, not one, so far as we could see, had a bird on her hat. We hope that the bird on the bonnet craze is about 000. The work being there done is all over.

roads. The south realizes the need of or three which were started in this for what is only a short spring season such work more than does the north. country having been abandoned for of bad roads in the west and northwest is extended in the south to cover

HIGH PRICE FOR LOOKS.

We came across a case lately where the mere fact of the owner of a good keeping his farm homestead in



Ignorance Blows out the gas and furnishes

Blows out the gas and furnishes the newspapers with a jest and an obituary notice. "Didn't know it was loaded" may be an honest plea, but it never brought a victim back to life. Those who let a cough run on, in ignorance of the danger, find no escape from the con-sequences when the cough de-velops into lung trouble. The best time to kill a snake is in the egg. The best time

The use of the manure spreader will double the value of all fertilizer spread by it as compared with the old method and will save at least half the work connected with the hard and disagree-able job of taking the fertilizer from the yards to the fields. The spring shooting of wild fowl should be stopped in all the states. The birds at this season are poor in flesh and fishy in flavor and should be

perfect and permanent cure. "My husband had been coughing for years and people frankly told me that he would go into con-sumption," writes Mrs. John Shireman, of No. 265 25th Place, Chicago, III. "He had such terri-ble coughing spells we not only grew much alarmed but looked for the bursting of a blood

alarmed but looked for the bursting of a blood-vessel or a hemorrhage at most any time. After three days' coughing he was too weak to cross the room. The doctor did him no good. I stated the case to a druggist, who handed me a bottle of Dr. Pierte's Golden Medical Discovery. My husbands recovery was remarkable. In three days after he began using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery he was up and around, and in two more days he went to work. Two bottles cured him."

the proper pronunciation as the north-The Common Sense Medical Adviser, 1008 pages, in paper covers, is sent *free* on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to pay expense of mailing *only*. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Büffalo. N. Y. erner. The hasty northerner has an idea that the southerner pronounces

the word "Mary" as if it were spelled "Mahy." Nothing could be more silly. But the northerner very frequently pronounces this very simple name as if it were written "Mayahry." The truth is that we sound the "r"

THE SOUTHERN "R."

ments on Its Pronunciation.

ttempt to reproduce southern pronun-

strong conviction that the letter "r"

A few years ago William Dean How-

ells, writing in Literature, made the

ssertion that the letter "r" was extinct

n this country, but he was certainly

nasty in his conclusions. There is a

words, but this does not imply any dis-

respect of the letter "r." Mr. Howells

night just as well say that the letter

g" is extinct because there are a

great many people who say "goin' " or "lovin' " or "bein'." We should like

to ask Mr. Howells how the people of

this country pronounce the "r" in such

words as country, great, literature,

write, arithmetic, and so on. Certain-

ly they do not pronounce it as if the

words were spelled counthy, gheat,

The "r" at the end of a word is some-

times ignored in the south, but on the

litehatuhe, white or ahithmetic.

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hangs on to it as a dog would shake a rat. What southerner that ever lived said "fihm" for "firm," or "ignohant' for "ignorant," or "grocehy" for "grocery," or "tehhoh" for "terror?" The tendency to chop off the end of words he mentions. It may be said that prevails in the south, as it does in every part of the country and as it does in every people, but we must pro-test vigorously against the idiotic idea that the letter "r" is obsolete in the south.-Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Porcelain Violins.

A well known manufacturer of musical instruments in Germany, Max dles are of the ordinary pattern, but

fellow. It is said-but it is somewhat one of wood and that the tone of the

instrument is therefore singularly pure and full. The same inventor is also making mandolins of china clay, and it seems that they are much appreciated woods as we knew them forty years in southern countries, where this in strument is regarded more seriously the shaded aisles of untouched beech than it is in Britain. The obvious disadvantage of a musical instrument being made of china clay is the brittlerel, the chatter of the black and gray ness of that material, as well as its ones and the cackle of the wild pigeons as each hunted for and feasted on the to have been forgotten. For some beech mast; lie quietly on a couch of red maple leaves by the side of the excellent violins being made of aluwoodland creek and see the wood duck minium, and this metal, from its extreme lightness and other qualities would seem to be admirably adapted the head of the pool to drink; take an-to such a purpose.—Chambers' Journal.

A curious and interesting plan has beat of the ruffed grouse in some alder beats of the ruffed grouse in some alder thicket. It is only a memory now, for Iandlords who, having improved much

ants have claimed the prize.

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LI HUNG CHANG'S WIVES. D.L.& W. RAILROAD. art Criticism of Northern Com- The First One, Though Alive, Was Looked Upon as Dead.

We do not believe that there is any-ing in the world more provocative of life of the late Machiavelli of China, uthern laughter than the northern Ll Hung Chang, is amusing or tragic cording as one may choose to look ition. For instance, there is an idea ' at it.

Earl Li early in his distinguished a the north that the southerner never eareer took a wife. During the Tai-ping rebellion his wife had to fly to the conounces the letter "r" and that he variably substitutes the letter "h" interior for safety, where she lived for or it. Nothing could be more utterly abmany months without communicating surd, yet the absurdity still lives. Weare urselves peaceably inclined and very ar from desiring to see a renewal of grim visaged war, but we have a vill vet be responsible for a civil war

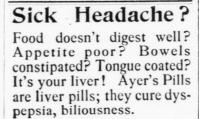
perished with other victims in the mass-sacre, enlisted the sympathies of the emperor, who ordered a magnificent fumeral. The empty coffin was follow-ed to the grave with all pomp and ceremony of state by Li Hung Chang and representatives of the emperor. After a period of mourning Li Hung Chang took unto himself another wife and settled down again to domestic tendency everywhere to slur the last yllables or the last letters of certain

had been accorded a state funeral. Therefore, to all intents and purposes she was dead, and he advised his minister to ignore her, which he did. As women are treated as mere chattels in China, the first wife did not demur, whole the southerner is just as true to but went back to her family, among whom she died .- New York World.

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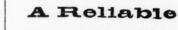
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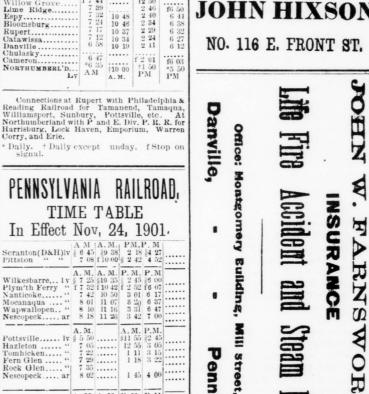
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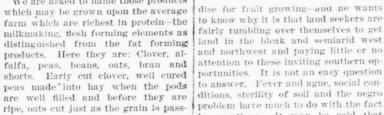
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adapted themselves to southern conditions and that all marked improvements and migrations of the American

horse to pull his buggy or a young and spirited wife to keep house for him. A wealthy telephone corporation, people, such as took place in the fifties erecting a long line across a western and are going on at the present time, state, tore down a local farmers' line have usually followed the lines of latitude with which they started. Thus which was in its way. When remonstrated with by the farmers and asked the Scandinavian, Russian and Finto repair their line, the corporation lander usually seek homes in northern Freyer, has introduced a process for representatives treated the grangers Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Da- making violins from clay. These fidwith contempt, telling them that a kota; the Irish, English and Germans soft water and takes the egg money to buy his tobacco she has a right to seedd all she wants to agent immediately put the line in re- tions of the southern climate and the pair when informed that the twenty- poverty of the soil which hinder a rap-

worth half a million and would fight as the south country is in so many respects.

ROADMAKING IN THE SOUTH. We love to recall the old Wisconsin igo; we would once again walk through and maple forests, take in the music of the woods-the bark of the fox squiron the highways the large sum of \$60,in the line of making macadam pike

other look at the old coon tree and listen to the faroff bay of the hound on the trail of a deer and the drumlike

We are asked to name those products which may be grown upon the average falfa, peas, beans, oats, bran and

four farmers operating the line were id settlement of that section, attractive body acts as a better resonator than New York. for their rights.

A MEMORY.

We were talking with a gentleman who lives in North Carolina lately, and he tells us that the good roads quescounty in which he lives having appropriated for this coming year's work

preen his glorious plumage in the sun-light and a deer come timidly down to



horses. Four years ago he was pro- married after they have taught school moted to foreman and has worked two or three years. Teaching wears hard to make the antiquated building out a woman faster than maternity. look semimodern and attractive. He We cannot pension our wornout teachhas three white assistants, who relieve ers, and it is better for them to quit each other in driving the president and the business before they become broin superintending the cleaning of the ken down. vehicles and the care of the horses.

Leading to the presidential stables It has generally been supposed that on the Seventeenth street side is a where the cornstalks were cut up and large court, and on both sides are car- then fed to the stock no harm would riage houses, where vehicles used by come to the cattle so fed, but we have the executive department and the pri- the past winter come across two cases vate conveyances of the president are where the stalks were so cut and fed kept. Although roomy, the stalls for where several head of cattle died, with the president's horses are of the sim- all the symptoms of the so called cornplest character. The partitions and stalk disease.

floors are of rough pine planking. Di-If you have a drove of hogs to feed rectly over each stall is a small frame this summer, plan to have an acre of bearing the animal's name. Among rape for each thirty hogs. Plow up the the horses is a pretty little bay mare old hog pasture and sow to oats one belonging to Mrs. Roosevelt. It is bushel, rape six pounds to the acre called Lady Dancer and was raised by and turn in when the growth is six the president's wife from foal. Lady inches high. If the hogs don't keep the Dancer receives at least one visit from Mrs. Roosevelt a day, and the children field fed down, turn in the cattle once in awhile. This makes the cheapest bring it many a lump of sugar from and best summer hog feed to be had. the White House table.

Provender for the horses furnished While many men think that they for the use of the executive depart-) cannot farm successfully unless they have at least eighty acres of land, it is ment is provided by the government, and eleven attendants are paid from still entirely possible for a man to the same appropriation, which amounts to about \$10,000. Above the rear sta- farm very profitably on five acres provided he is located within easy reach bles are living rooms for the foreman of any large town, and if he works his and his assistants. All repairs to carfive acres in the right manner he will riages and all horseshoeing are done by contract, and no mechanical work sugar off at the end of the year with a better profit than most men with eighty is performed at the stables.

One of the most elaborate vehicles acre farms. seen on the streets in Washington for DON'T PLANT CORN TOO EARLY. many years is the new carriage of It is well to remember that corn will President Roosevelt. It is a two seatdo little in the way of germinating ed, open, light driving wagon, painted and growing when the temperature is a dark blue and upholstered in light below 65 degrees F. For latitude 41 yellow leather. The body of the wagand north April planting of corn is on is of light yellow basket work, with usually a blunder, cold weather and a faint stripe of red, and on the panels possible frosts being almost sure even of each side is the monogram "T. R." The coachiman and footman on this to give it a setback from which it nevif the plant does get out of the ground displayed by any president since the observation prove that corn planted days of Arthur. They wear long, dark not earlier than May 15 will, taking a blue coats, and on their tall hats are series of years, make a better crop two cockades of black burs, with a than that planted earlier. rosette of red, white and blue silk.

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neat and attractive shape-nice, large dooryard, shade trees, evergreen windbreak, house and barns well paintedrefused \$10 per acre more than the farms upon either side of him could

have been bought for, they being equally good farms and with just as expensive buildings, but not nicely kept up. The work which this man did to living. make his place attractive had a cash value of \$1,600 had he chosen to sell.

THE FUTURE OF GOOD FARM LANDS Every acre of rich and fertile soil of the west will have an ultimate value of from \$60 to \$100 per acre, depending upon special location and farm improvements. This applies to all land in any state where 20 bushels of wheat,

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be secured at from \$15 to \$25 per acre which will more than double in value inside of fifteen years. THE POTATO CROP.

A friend asks us to tell him how to raise a good crop of potatoes. The season has so much to do with the success or failure of this crop that the best work will often come to naught. Assuming that there would be an av-

erage rainfall during the period of growing the crop, we would do this: Preferably we would select a piece of new brush or timber land and, not being able to get this, would take a clover sod or a timothy or blue grass sod which had been plowed last fall. This should be replowed this spring and well disked and harrowed smooth. The seed should be cut to secure from one to three eyes in each piece. We would then furrow the field with a crossing plow, making the furrows three feet apart and six inches deep, would drop the seed sixteen inches apart, cover

with the plow, drag smooth and then keep the field dragged every few days until the potatoes were well out of the ground. We would then give level cultivation only, giving the crop one deep

plowing with the shovel plow, all other cultivation shallow, and continue such cultivation right through the summer if a drought should prevail in July and August. For a late pota-

to crop, which we are referring to, we would plant about the 20th of May. A crop so cared for, with a favorable season, should produce 175 bushels of potatoes to the acre. handsome, but there is no mortgage on

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or require his wife and daughters to help milk the cows? is a question which has come to the front at two or three of the farmers' institutes which the writer has attended the past winter. While women far more than most men are specially fitted to milk the cow-the best dairying in the world is done by women, as in Denmark-it is still a' fact that as things are in this country the average American farmer will not require this service of his wife and daughters, and, more, if he did, there are mighty few of them who would do it. In a case where a man had six girls and no boys we think the proposition would bear debating at least. In the main, however, the aver age American woman has all the work she ought to do without milking cows

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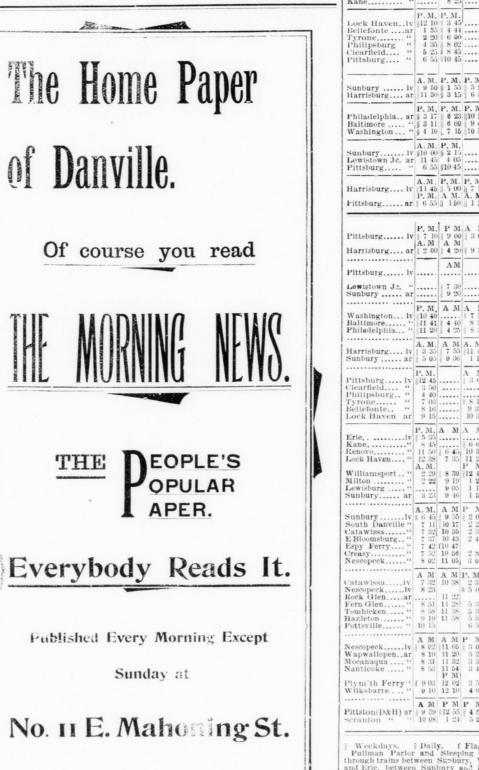
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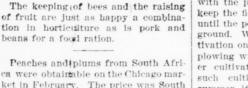
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