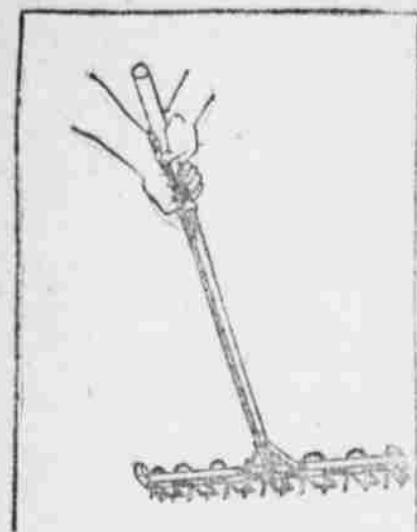


Agricultural

CLEANER FOR RAKE TEETH.

An Interesting Device to Assist the Amateur Gardener.

The amateur gardener soon learns that the use of the rake is not as easy as it seems to be. The teeth are constantly getting clogged with the rakings and it is necessary to make a halt at more or less frequent intervals in order to clean out the implement.



By the means of a newly patented attachment to the rake it is possible to perform this operation with little or no loss of time. A series of tooth cleaners are mounted by means of a rock shaft on the head of the rake and as the teeth become clogged up a projecting member mounted on the handle of the implement at a convenient point is pulled down and the accumulations are dislodged.

Poultry Raising Hints.

Sand cannot take the place of grit for your fowls. What they need is something sharp. The round surface of a grain of sand is not going to do much toward cutting the hard outside husk of a kernel of corn, wheat or other grains.

To increase the egg yield, to cut down expenses and to accelerate growth do not require new breeds, but more practical breeders.

For chicken pox or any sore head an ointment can be made of two parts lard and one of kerosene.

For soft-shelled eggs give hens more exercise. Cut out corn and give vegetables in abundance. An injection of oil into vent may relieve local inflammation.

White clover is rich in protein and lime, good for both chicks and hens. When grass is kept short by a lawn mower it is much more tender and better liked.

Let the hens out occasionally when they can be watched for a scamper after grasshoppers and grass. They will not hurt anything after the first crop is cut.

To Tell if Lime is Needed.

Whether it is lime or humus that is needed on your land may easily be determined by dressing a strip across the field with manure and one at right angles to that with lime, the manure, of course, to be plowed under before the lime is applied. This should be done at least a year before sowing the clover seed. If there is a visible improvement in the clover crop on the limed strip, and especially where this strip crosses the manured strip, then it may safely be assumed that liming will pay.

In most field experiments it will not answer to depend upon the eye alone to measure results per acre cannot always be detected by the eye; but in the application of lime to clover the more luxuriant growth on the limed land—if lime is needed—is usually such as to leave no room for mistake.—Circular 79, from Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station.

Scalding Peach Borers.

The hot water cure is recommended by many for peach tree borers. It is a somewhat drastic treatment for the borer—though it does not hurt the tree. The borers work either at or directly beneath the surface of the ground, the trunk. The tree may be lifted up in the form of a saucer, the dirt packed a little and the scalding water poured in. This will invariably bring out any borers. It is not believed to hurt the tree, although an excess of water should not be used. An emulsion of one part of kerosene to 150 parts of water is also recommended.

Vegetables for Market.

A great many farmers who grow some vegetables for market and yet do not make a distinct business of market gardening fail to make successive plantings of vegetables which often prove profitable. Late beans are generally quite profitable. They are easily grown, and being legumes the soil is enriched by their culture.

Fear Blight.

There is no reliable remedy for fear blight. Nothing can be done except to cut out the affected parts several inches below where any trace of it is to be seen. Burn all affected branches.—Indianapolis News.

The Right Way.

Let the work of building improved highways go on and increase, but let it be done in a way that will not violate the fundamental idea of our government, which is, that the States are sovereign in their spheres.

WHERE WAS BILL?

Jones's Goods Gave an Awful Shock to His Wife.

Bill Jones is a country store-keeper down in Louisiana, and last spring he went to New Orleans to purchase a stock of goods. The goods were shipped immediately and reached home before he did. When the boxes of goods were delivered at his store by the drayman, his wife happened to look at the largest. She uttered a loud cry and called for a hammer. A neighbor, hearing the screams, rushed to her assistance and asked what was the matter. The wife, pale and faint, pointed to an inscription on the box which read as follows: "Bill inside."

What Was Missing.

An English drill sergeant whose severity had made him unpopular with his company, was putting a squad of recruits through the funeral exercise. Opening the ranks so as to admit the passage of a casket between them, the instructor, by way of practical explanation, walked slowly down the line formed by the two ranks, saying as he did so: "Now, I am the corpse. Pay attention. Having reached the end of the line, he turned round, regarded the recruits with a scrutinizing eye and then remarked: "Your hands is right, and your heads is right, but you 'av'n't got that look of regret you ought to have."

Down in Arkansas.

In a part of Arkansas where the natives take life easy, a young man and his sister were one day sitting on the porch when a funeral passed.

The boy, who was sitting whistling in a chair tilted comfortably back against the side of the house on its hind legs, remarked: "I reckon ol' man Johnson's got about the biggest funeral that's ever been held around here."

"A purty good sized one, is it?" questioned the sister. "You betcher," the boy answered. "I would like to see it," replied the girl. "What a pity I ain't facin' that way."

Excusable.

School children in Greater New York were required some time since to bring to their teachers vaccination and birth certificates. Frequent forgetfulness made one teacher impatient, and word went out that the certificates must be there on a certain morning. On that day an anxious little girl raised her hand the moment school opened, and, on being told to speak, said tremblingly: "Please, teacher, don't get mad at me. I've forgot my excuse for being born."

WAS NOT TO BLAME.



She—Did you tell that photographer you didn't want your picture taken? He—Yes. She—What did he say? He—He said he didn't blame me.

Keeping Cupid on the Job.

"That widow is a good manager, isn't she?" Manager? I should say so. She got that house of hers practically fixt up like new for nothing. "How did she manage it?" "She was engaged to the carpenter till all the woodwork was finished, and then she broke it off and married the plumber."

Johnny's Sarcophagus.

"Johnny came mighty near choking to death the other day," said Mrs. Tapsling. "He was eating popcorn, and he got a grain of it fast in his windpipe. At last, that's where I thought it was, but when the doctor came he said it wasn't his windpipe at all. The popcorn had lodged in his sarcophagus."

The Explanation.

"Charlie, dear," queried the fair maid at the ball park, "why does that man behind the bitter wear such a big bib?" "That," explained Charlie, "is to keep his shirt front from getting mussed when the ball knocks his teeth out."

A Lost Opportunity.

Wife—I remember the night you proposed to me, I bent my head and said nothing. Hub (comfortingly)—I know it worries you, dear, but never mind; you've made up for it since.

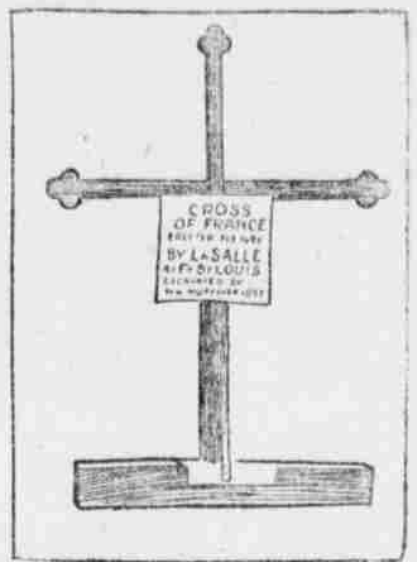
"Do you believe in the Darwinian theory?" asked Mr. Whiffles. "I am inclined to go further than Darwin did," answered Miss Cavendish, "and believe that some members of our species have started on a return trip."

A REMINDER OF LA SALLE.

Cross Found on the Site of Old Fort St. Louis Built by Explorer.

A number of ancient relics have been found from time to time during the last few years upon the site of old Fort St. Louis which La Salle, the noted French explorer, and his brave band of adventurers erected in 1685 upon the east bank of the Navidad river, just above where Port Lavaca, Texas, is now situated. One of these historic reminders of the visit of the explorer is a cross which is made of iron. It was found several feet beneath the surface near the bank of the river. It is now in possession of Harry Bickford of Port Lavaca.

It was from Fort St. Louis that La Salle started upon his ill-fated expedition into the interior in search of the Mississippi river. He entered Pass Cavallo and explored Matagorda Bay in the original belief, it is said, that it was here that the Mississippi river emptied its broad waters. He spent some time exploring the coast in this section and then went up the Navidad river some ten miles and there built his little fort. The site of this first settlement is full of beauty. The timbers of the ancient fort long since have rotted, but there are still heaps of stones and pieces of iron to be



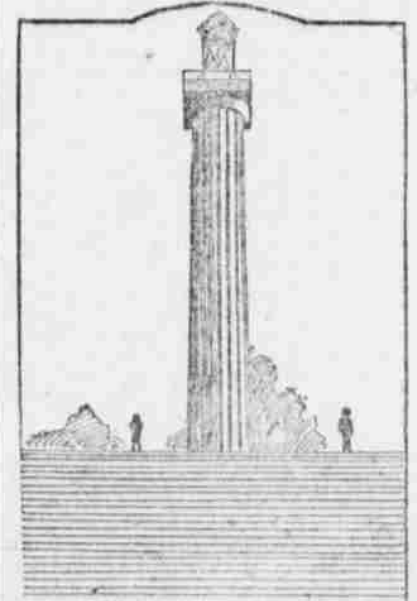
Iron Cross a Relic of La Salle.

found scattered about upon the site. The trip which La Salle and his band of explorers made across the country was full of dangers and hardships. They are said to have left a few men behind to retain possession of Fort St. Louis. What became of these men history does not say. It is reasonable to suppose that they were killed by Indians.

The Monkeys' Revenge.

A lady in India, residing during the hot season among the lower hills of the Himalayas, had a little terrier, says a writer in "Answers." "Fury," as he was called, disliked the whole monkey race, and as there were hundreds of them in the trees surrounding the house, he had many opportunities for exhibiting his antipathy. The monkeys made no distinction between the house of an English lady and the cottage of a Hindu. They insisted upon sitting upon the balconies, and Fury resented their intrusion by barking and frightening them away.

The monkeys resented Fury's odiousness in due time, in a way which illustrates their revengeful cunning. One day little Fury was walking in front of his mistress. As they were passing through a dark thicket of rhododendrons, she saw a sinister arm dart out from amid the blossoms, seize the terrier and both disappear. She rushed to his rescue, but the monkey bore off the dog, yelping and howling, to the top of a high tree. The mistress stood helpless while her pet was passed from monkey to monkey that each might pinch the hated dog, and pull out his hair. When they had tired of this sort of avenging themselves, one monkey took the dog out to the extreme end of a branch and dropped him over a precipitous cliff.



Prison Martyrs' Monument in Brooklyn.

The Indian Moons.

Time is calculated among the Indians by moons instead of months. "We" is the Indian for month. January is called "Wester," the "Hard Moon," February, "the Raccoon Moon," March, "Sore-eye Moon," April, "the Moon in which geese lay eggs," May, "the Planting Moon," June, "the Moon when the strawberries are red," July, "the Moon when choke-cherries are ripe," August, "the Harvest Moon," September, "the Moon when rice is laid up to dry," October, "the Rice drying Moon," November, "the Deer Killing Moon," and December, "the Deer Moon."—Editorial Review.

Of Interest to Women

Woman Railroad Doctor—Texas is Probably Only Female Physician in the World Holding Such a Position—In Addition to This She Has a Large Practice.

Dr. Sofie Herzog of Brazoria, Tex., is said to be the only woman railroad surgeon in the world. She has held the position of surgeon for the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico railroad ever since that line was built several years ago. In addition to her duties in connection with the railroad she has a large private practice.

As surgeon for the railroad, Dr. Herzog has gone through many trying experiences, but in no instance was there the slightest failure in the quick and effective performance of her work. She was born in Vienna, Austria, and came to the United States in 1883. She studied medicine and surgery, and after her graduation also practiced the profession in the state of New York for nine years.

Believing that a wider field for her endeavors existed in Texas, she moved to Brazoria, where she has lived ever since. During the construction of the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico railroad she was called to attend the injuries of laborers hurt in accidents, and the skill which she showed



Dr. Sofie Herzog.

In these cases earned her fame as a surgeon to quickly succeed, with the result that she was appointed surgeon for the road upon its completion.

Y. W. C. A. Work in Paris.

Paris scarcely would be regarded as a fruitful field for Young Woman's Christian Association work, but Leah Bolman Richardson, who just has completed five years work there as general secretary of the Y. W. C. A., thinks differently. When she took charge there was one almost moribund organization of the kind there. It had a paper list of 150 members, but for all practical purposes was nonexistent. Miss Richardson took hold of the work with all the enthusiasm of the American college woman. As a result there are now in the French capital three branches of the Y. W. C. A., with a total membership of more than 1,000 and all aggressive. Miss Richardson is a graduate from Boston University, a co-educational institution. For several years she was professor of Latin in Carleton College, Northfield, and afterward held the position of assistant dean in Wesleyan College, Ohio.

Success with Sandwiches.

When I wish to have especially nice sandwiches I bake my bread in large baking powder cans. I have some cans that hold twenty-five ounces (pound cans will do) and when I mold my bread I fill them half full, let rise until full, then bake. I then have slices just a nice size, with only a thin crust. Here are two nice fillings for them: Equal quantities of boiled ham and hard-boiled eggs, chopped or ground in meat chopper. For peanut butter as a filler I use one quart of ground peanuts and one-fourth pound of butter thoroughly mixed.—Mrs. S. W. Jones.

Red Cabbage with Apples.

Take a head of cabbage, about two pounds, cut it fine, wash, and let drain. Have ready a saucepan with one and one-half tablespoons of hot lard, drop in the cabbage, and let it stew for three-quarters of an hour, add a little water and salt. Then pare about four large apples, cut them in fourths, put them on the cabbage, and boil until apples are done, stir and add about one and one-half tablespoons vinegar, and a little sugar. This will make a nice dish to serve with pot roast.—Detroit News-Tribune.

To Sew Elastic.

To save elastic in children's blouses, which cost sometimes as much as the material of the blouse, take a piece of tape or selvage the size of the child's wrist, less four inches. Cut the tape in half, insert four inches of elastic, put the tape, with the elastic in the center of it, in the hem of the blouse. It will set the same as if it were all elastic and wear better. Therefore you can make six blouses with the same elastic which you would otherwise put in one blouse.

Sponges should be hung where the fresh air will reach them and where they will dry thoroughly. If possible the sponge should be dried in the bright sunshine, and thoroughly re-stuffed now and then in soda and water.

IMMEDIATE CONCRETE PIERS.

Those of Clover Bar Bridge May Be Largest in the World.

The concrete piers of the Clover Bar Bridge on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway are said to be the largest of concrete piers in Canada, and perhaps in the world, says the Edmonton Bulletin. There are four of them, two of which are 140 feet high and the others seven feet less in height. The bridge from the abutment to abutment is 1,650 feet in length. The piers extend forty feet below the surface of the water.

The concrete work was undertaken in midwinter. This was one of the difficulties with which the constructing company had to contend. To work with concrete during cold weather it is necessary to use heat.

Houses were constructed around the piers and these were heated with steam, which was conveyed by pipes from a plant on the river bank. After placing and packing the concrete in its molds it was also necessary that it should be kept heated for at least a day, and then allowed to be set gradually.

Has Memorized 42,000 Dates.

E. C. Larson, who has just issued a challenge to the world for the memory championship, although only a young man of twenty-three years, is a veritable walking encyclopedia, for he has memorized forty thousand dates of the principal events in the world's history since the creation. It was quite by accident that he discovered that he had an exceptional gift of memory. He was being trained as an army officer when an attack of rheumatic fever dispelled his hopes in that direction. At that time he happened to meet the Zancas in India, who, noting what a remarkable memory he had for dates, advised him to cultivate it. He then purchased a copy of Hayden's "Dictionary of Dates," and sought to commit to memory the dates of the most important events in the world's history by writing fifty to a hundred dates on a piece of paper and rewriting them three or four times until he had fully grasped them with the result that he has a repertoire of thousands of dates, and can give the correct answers without the slightest hesitation.

Women Then and Now.

The "old-fashioned" women certainly knew how to rule, and "advanced" though we may be, we do not manage to wield so much power, on the whole as the clever women of past generations. It must be that our methods are at fault.—Lady's Pictorial.

A Formula.

Right ideas, backed by persistence and promulgated at psychological moments, will gain a foothold and become a great force for good, no matter how determined may be the opposition.—Detroit News.

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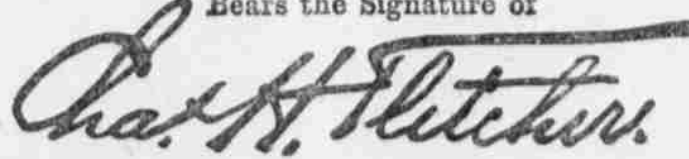
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