

FOR FARM AND GARDEN.

THINNING EARLY APPLES.

The early harvest apple is very likely to overbear, but it is quite good for pies when not fully grown...

THE BEST COWS.

It is said that in their native land the Guernsey cows are much more highly thought of than the Jerseys.

CAULIFLOWERS.

An increased percentage of marketable heads was the result of handling cauliflower plants in pots during the early stages of growth...

RESTORATION OF A POOR FARM.

There is no better way of improving a farm than to start a dairy on it and make butter.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

WHY CLOTHES FADE.

Colored clothing fades because it is put into hot water. Even the brown hosiery will keep the bright russet tint if washed in cold water.

GETTING RID OF COCKROACHES.

A woman tells of getting rid of cockroaches in a peculiar way. She accidentally left her big tin cake box open one night...

RAG CARPETS.

Rag carpets can be made pretty, durable and cheap. Every family has old clothes too good for paper rags.

RECIPES.

Fried Squash—Cut a crock-neck squash in slices and soak them in cold salt water one hour.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

Gun flints are still made in England.

The best Chinese razors are made of old horse shoes.

Rattlesnakes sometimes excavate regular catacombs in the solid rock.

The largest European city park is in Denmark; it contains 4,200 acres.

The first Moravians, a fact dating from the ninth century, settled in America in 1733.

A bell still hanging in the belfry of the church at Newington, N. H., was made by Paul Revere in 1804.

Lena, as early as 1675, accurately described the differential thermometer and told how one should be made.

In 1813 William Burton patented a locomotive that was provided with legs and feet behind to push the machine along the track.

It was said of both Athens and Rome that so numerous were the temples and statues of gods, it was easier to find a god than a man.

A Cleveland, Ohio, contractor has undertaken to move a stone house weighing 5,500 tons, basement and all, a distance of 60 feet.

A mole's home in the earth has always four or five outlets; by means of one or the other the inmate is generally able to elude any danger.

One of the three dozen shirts possessed by Napoleon at St. Helena, and divided at his death among his companions, has been sold by auction for \$30.

A New England dictionary offers the following definitions: "Bicycle: Pleasure's treadmill. Ink: A black fluid often used to make black seem white."

Turner, the naturalist, records that he once saw a race of gigantic savages in Brazil whose average height was ten feet, and some of whom were 12-1-2 feet tall.

A sturgeon weighing 1,400 pounds was caught in the Caspian Sea the other day. Its head weighed 228 pounds, and it furnished 120 pounds of roe for caviar.

John Murphy of Salem, Mass., who recently snatched a baby from in front of a railroad engine and thereby saved its life, fainted immediately after performing the heroic deed.

A muskallonge, weighing forty-five pounds and four ounces was landed by Alfred Sickey of Groveland, N. Y., in Conesus Lake, the other day, after a struggle lasting over half an hour.

Free-Will Baptists appeared for the first time as an organized and distinctive in 1780, under the leadership of Rev. Benjamin Randall.

In England, in old times, when wet ground covered with moss was being drained and worked before it was thoroughly dry, the plough horses were shod with boards ten inches square to prevent their sinking into the drains, which were covered with turf.

Lions a Drug in the Market. "I find there is a general impression," said Fred F. Sampson, an attaché of the Cincinnati Zoological Gardens, who was at the Laclede yesterday, "that lions are the most costly wild animals sought after by keepers of menageries and circuses. This is quite wrong. Lions have for some time been almost a drug in the market, and except when they are remarkably large they do not fetch a large price. The craze of late years has been after rare animals which are very difficult to capture."

The white wildcat of Russia is worth almost a fortune, and one was sold quite recently for the apparently ridiculous sum of \$12,000. These animals are only found on mountains of perpetual snow, and they are so perfectly white that it is difficult to distinguish them when they are crouching. For this reason also they are very hard to keep in captivity, a temperature of more than fifty degrees killing them off in a day or two. It costs a great deal more to keep one of these animals supplied with half-frozen air than to feed it."

Ever Verdant. Cholly Chumpleigh—Aw—most extraordinary things, isn't it, Miss Caustique? One talks of the greenness of youth and yet of a green old age.

Miss Caustique—Some people never change all their lives, Mr. Chumpleigh.—Life.

The largest and costliest organ in the United States, if not in the world, the gift of Edward Searles, was placed recently in Grace Episcopal Church, San Francisco, Cal.

SELECTIONS FOR SOLDIERS.

SIDELIGHTS OF MILITARY LIFE.

Stories, Anecdotes, and Articles of Interest to Old and Young.

FOUR FELLOWS.

In 1864 I was a member of Co. G, 130th Ill., and on duty at Cairo, Ill. Our regiment from central part of northern Illinois, started June 1 from Peoria, Ill., floated down to Camp Union, Ky., where we were sent into camp on bluffs.

One night in July I was on duty inside the prison, where we were guarding over a thousand Confederates. I was talking with an old man, white haired and feeble, and his next comrade was a boy about 14, verifying Gen. Grant's remark that "they robbed the cradle and the grave."

He replied: "For goodness sake, keep us here as long as you can."

"We never feared as well as this in our army. I guess he was correct, for we gave them good shelter, good food and drink, blankets, reading matter, liberty of action, with but one restriction that I ever heard of, and that was not to lay their hands on top of the fence."

His pension is based upon his services as a government scout, and especially for leading an attack on a village of hostile Cheyennes in the Big Horn mountains in November, 1876. His bravery and valorous service to the government have been the occasion of highly complimentary autographs letters written by President Garfield, Gen. Howard, Crook and Brooks, which were filed with the committee on invalid pensions, and doubtless aided in securing a favorable report.

Sharp Nose is now old and broken in health. Western men say that pension to friendly Indians have already had a beneficial effect upon them in their relation with the government.

Through the efforts of one of the western representatives a pension of \$2 a month was paid to Sharp Nose, an Arapahoe Indian chief on the Shoshone reservation. Sharp Nose is a brave warrior and has always been a friend of the white race.

Four of the men only are now left. The eldest is Jean Jacques Sabatier, who was born on the 15th of April, 1792, at Verroux l'Archeve, where he has lived in retirement for many years. Then comes Victor Bailloid, Jean Bousset, and Joseph Rose, aged respectively 101 years and one month, 100 years and one month, and 100 years and a few days.

It is said that all are as hearty and vigorous as can be expected, in spite of their advanced ages as long as 82 years ago in that terrible retreat, when the beggarly remnant of the greatest army the world had ever seen, worn out with cold and hunger, angrily called to the victor of Marengo and Austerlitz to get off his horse and share in the miseries of his men.

The United States Army has 34 Chaplains, stationed at forts all over the country. Seven of them are Baptists, nine are Episcopalians, 11 are Methodists, two are Presbyterians, one is a Congregationalist, one is a Lutheran, one is a Christian and two are Catholics priests. The question of denomination cuts no figure in this branch of the service. Appointments are always made by favor and without any regard whatever for the religious demands of soldiers and officers.

Four of the Chaplains referred to are regimental Chaplains, attached to the four colored regiments, two of infantry and two of cavalry. Three of these men are negroes. The pay of a newly-commissioned Army Chaplain is \$1,350 a year, to which 10 per cent is added for each five years of service. He has always the relative rank of a Captain of infantry.

Savages and Iron. The Baluban tribe of Central Africa are famous for their skill in casting and forging iron. They construct tall cylindrical furnaces of clay with tuyeres of clay and an ingeniously devised wooden bellows. They make arms for hunting and for war, and collars and bracelets of iron. The neighboring natives resort to them in great numbers to exchange their own products for the manufactures of the Balubans.

Whenever you speak evil of another you are sure to hurt yours. If

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

A MURDERER FREE.

An Oil Operator Burned to Death—New Castle Veterans Indignant.

AN EDUCATOR SHOT.

Frank B. Shibley, principal of the Duke Street Grammar School at Lancaster, was shot and probably fatally wounded by George Simmons, aged 64 years. Simmons is an engineer. While drunk he accused his wife of being improperly intimate with Shibley, the charge it is said, being entirely without foundation. Simmons afterward fired two shots at Shibley over the fence dividing the yards of their adjoining houses. The first shot missed, but the second took effect in Shibley's head, inflicting a dangerous wound. Simmons then attempted to shoot his wife, but the woman escaped.

SHOT A DEPUTY.

Gustave Rosenwald, German, a deputy at the Standard Works, Greenburg, shot and fatally injured Andrew Rice, a fellow deputy. Rosenwald was brought to Greenburg and lodged in jail to await the result. Rosenwald and a colored man, named John Grant, quarreled at the Standard Works. Rice interfered in behalf of the colored man, when Rosenwald raised his Winchester and fired at him. The ball entered Rice's right side and in all probabilities will prove fatal.

KILLED BY POISON.

Lulu Scott, a colored girl, of New Castle, 22 years of age, has been poisoned to death. Early in the spring she went to Painesville, O., to work in a steam laundry. It is reported a young colored man was paying attentions to her, and that he had formerly been keeping company with Kate Bell, another colored girl in the same laundry. The latter a day or two ago administered a dose of poison to Miss Scott, which proved fatal.

MURDERER REIMBURSED FREE.

John Eisminger, the convicted murderer of Samuel McCoy, who has been confined in the county jail at Waynesburg since his sentence to death, awaiting the fixing of the date of execution, escaped Wednesday and has left no trace behind. McCoy was shot in the Pittsburgh and Chicago Gas Coal Company.

MEMBER ON A TRIP.

James Douglas, a negro, was shot and fatally injured on a motor car at Mount Pleasant Monday night by another negro named Wm. Redjack, formerly of Roanoke. The murderer escaped. Douglas was among 56 negroes and Italians who were being taken from the coke region to the mines of the Pittsburgh and Chicago Gas Coal Company.

The Columbia county Democrats, in convention at Bloomsburg Tuesday unanimously instructed for C. H. Buckalov to succeed Simon P. Wolvort, the present Congressional incumbent. This insures Mr. Buckalov's nomination as a Democrat. Mr. Wolvort has already indicated for him. There is no opposition in the remaining counties in the district.

G. A. R. members at New Castle are indignant at the railroad companies for not giving better rates on transportation to the Pittsburgh encampment. Post 100 held a meeting Monday night at which members were in favor of marching to the encampment. For the round trip \$1.50 is the best rate the post can secure. A \$1 rate is wanted.

It is now asserted that the amount stolen by Harry A. Gardner, the absconded cashier of the Second National Bank at Altoona is \$150,000. The institution and its books are still in the hands of Bank Examiner Miller. He is the only man who knows the secrets which these books reveal and he is as close-mouthed as an oyster.

Lancaster is suffering from the second water famine in two months, both having been caused by the replacing of broken joints at the pumping station. The electric cars were compelled to stop running. Manufacturers have been unable to use any water for motive purposes. Only the low lying sections of the city can get water.

The Grand Lodge of the American Protestant Association, comprising representatives from all Lodges throughout the United States, assembled in annual convention at Wilkesbarre, August 8, and was in session three days. The work was mostly of a secret character.

The annual Leslie family reunion, one of the greatest affairs of its kind ever held in Lawrence county, will take place August 16, at Moravia, where for years the reunion has been held. Several generations of the family from all portions of the country will be present.

The main line of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, will be relaid with new steel rails of 90 pounds to the yard. The work has already begun, and will be completed as far as Phoenixville. The old rails will be put down on the railroad's branches.

The firm of F. W. Mitchell & Co., which has been engaged in the banking business in Oil City for over 20 years, will go out of business, and a notice is displayed in the bank that all deposits will be accepted in the bank and after September 1.

William Corbette, aged 16 years, was killed at Pittsburgh. He and a companion named John Calligan crawled under a freight car to escape the rain, and while under the train was moved. Both were from Chicago.

Ex-senator H. K. Sloan, of Indiana, is dead, at the age of 56 years. As he was the Democratic candidate for Congressman-at-large his death will necessitate another meeting of the Democratic State convention.

W. C. Hays, borough counsel for Sharon, was thrown from a carriage and sustained injuries to one lung, in addition to a broken collar bone. His condition is critical.

Oliver F. Stoughton, a farmer and horse dealer, of near New Castle, has failed. An execution for \$5,000 in favor of Colonel Oscar L. Jackson, of New Castle, was issued against him.

Four peddlers were robbed at Lemont, Fayette county, by the negro miners. When constable Dull went to Lemont to arrest the robbers he was threatened with violence.

Simon Patterson, of Fayette, has been arrested for illicit drinking. A quantity of moonshine whisky was found on his premises but the still could not be found.

Charles Ewing, aged 17, was accidentally shot by a companion, John Schmidhammer, at Altoona. They were playing with a pistol. Ewing will likely die.

D. A. Gardner has been made receiver of the flat glass works at New Brighton, vice L. D. Boggs, and hopes to start the plant Aug. 18.

Burglars got \$200 worth of jewelry and tobacco from the drug shop of Allen & Carmody at Conestoga Lake.

A 7-year-old daughter of Adam Steiner, of New Hillville, fell from a swing and was paralyzed. She will die.

The traction engine of Samuel Wagner, of Butler county, exploded near Freedom, and injured Wagner as he may die.

Four masked and armed burglars entered Henry Biale's house at Weightsburg and covering the occupants with pistols, secured \$250. Thieves entered the house of Abram Taylor in Newkirk township, Beaver county, and took \$25.