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SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Out of 50,000 Sioux, over 4,000 are now members of Episcopal, Presbyterian or Congregational churches.

Last year foreigners did not flock to the United States so fast as in former years; the decline was 125,000. It is strange, remarks the Drover's Journal, how the great bulk of the immigrants avoid the South; the great West attracts, but the South is now trying to get a larger share

Professor C. Filmore and Gardner P. Stickney form the nucleus of a branch of the American Folk-Lore Society, which is being organized in Mil waukee, Wis., to preserve the legends and traditions of the region thereabout that were settled by the French and Spanish, as well as those of the English-speaking communities and of the aborigines of the state.

The number of red foxes in Missouri is increasing very rapidly. In some places there are enough to do is no known reason for this increase except that fox hunting, which was one time the most popular sport in the country, died out to a large extenon account of the scarcity of foxes, and has not been renewed. It would not be at all difficult now to find the animals, and that too, within a very short distance of St. Louis.

Great alarm was created the othe day in one of the principal courts of justice at Berlin by the presiding justice at Berlin by the presiding judge suddenly becoming insane on the bench. His lunacy was first made apparent when, without the slightest provocation, he sternly inquired of the witness whethersheliked potatoes. was intensified when the judge pro-ceeded to make the most horrible grimaces at the witness, and to talk at random on the most incongruous sub jects, until finally led away by the court attendants.

A great many people have laughed on the brick-battleship Illinois, at the World's Fair with her fears that the vessel was about to sail and carry her off. It is now announced that the ves early day from her present moorings to the station in front of Van Buren atreet, where she will be permanently moored as a practice ship for the State naval reserve. The Illinois is the most perfect counterpart of a battleship ever built. She is 348 feet long by 69; feet beam, and weighs about 2,000 tons. The plan is to float her by means of scows after tying her to gether so that she cannot tumble to pieces, and then tow her to the position which she is to occupy permanently. The cost of moving her is estimated at from \$30,000 to \$50,000. If successful, this will be one of the greatest engineering feats ever accom-

The bill which has been passed by both branches of the New York Leg-islature and signed by Governor Flower, popularly known as the "Greater New York" bill, submits to a popular vote of the communities in-terested on the 6th of November next the question of consolidation with the metropolis under the municipal incorporation. The annexation proposition and strength and rarge. The blow and the municipal incorporation. The annexation proposition of nearly 1,000,000, and Richmond County, with over 50,000 inhabitants, but thirteen towns and villages, of which Long Island City, with a population of 3,0506, is the most important. Among the others are Flatbush, Flushing, New Utrecht, Gravesend and Jamaics Bay. The aggregate population of the territory which it is proposed to take in is 1,164,053, which, added to that of New York, would give to "Greater New York," a population of 2,065,052 and make it second only to London in the number of its inhabitants among the cities of Europe and America, Its area would be about \$117 square miles.

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In the slimy bed of sluggish mere Its root had humble birth,

And the slender stem that upward gre
Was coarse of fiber, dull of hue,
With nought of grace or worth.

The goldfish that floated near Saw alone the vulgar stem.

The clumsy turtle paddled by,

The water snake with lidless eye— It was only a weed to them.

But the butterfly and the honey bee, The sun and sky and air,
They marked its heart of virgin gold
In the satin leaves of spotless fold,
And its odor rich and rare.

So the fragrant soul in its purity,
To sordid life tied down,
May bloom to heaven and no man know,
Seeing the coarse, vile stem below,
How God hath seen the crown.

—James Jeffrey Roche.

- THE WINDMILL



set all London alame; in short, when George III. was King, one Edward Gray, scrivener, came down to his native village to spend a fortnight with his sweetheart, Lucy Deal.

There were many pretty girls in the country around, but she was the eauty of them all, and as gentle as he was good. Her father had died country around, beauty of them s beauty of them all, and as gentle as she was good. Her father had died when she was a mere child, and his wife faded away some four years later, leaving to little Lucy only the memory of that tender love which had cherished her earliest years. So it happened that when Edward Gray, her schoolfellow and playmate, was turned eighteen, and prepared to seek his fortune in the great city by the river, he and Lucy plighted their troth under the windmill on the hill, and it was settled they should be married as soon as Edward was rich enough to set up a home of his own. He had worked hard and prospered since then, and had made the long journey to Penrave this summer to press her to redeem her word and marry him forthwith.

But Lucy hesitated. The time were strangely out of joint; rumors of war were heard on every side; there were riots at Bristol—breadriots, what not; the prudent warned her to be

careful.

"Better wait a little, dear," she said, as they started for a walk the morning after his arrival.

"Wait? Why should we wait? Are you not satisfied with me?"

"Of course I am. Still another year will soon pass if you are salestick."

will soon pass if you are only patient."

The lover could not see it in this

light.
"It is needless to delay any longer,"
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"It is needless to delay any longer," said he, decisively. "Heaven favors the bold, and I miss you sorely when far away."

Lucy smiled, but made no answer. They had come to a rising ground, and high above them rose the old mill. The great sails were motionless, and the whole building—gaunt and grim—looked like some relic of the past set in a background of blue sky. So old it was as to be almost decrepit; the very beams which supported it were worm-eaten and crumbling, and the wonder was that it had not tumbled down long ago. The girl's eyes rested on it with a wistful interest.

"You remember the place?" she said. "We used to play here as children, and later—" She paused, with a becoming blush, and her eyelashes drooped under his gaze. "I cannot help fancying our fate is somehow concerned with that of the mill; in deed, I thought so from the beginning."

teed, the principle of the cried, gaily. "What can we possibly have to do with such a wretched owl-roost?"

The cried owl-roost? The cried owl-roost? Forty years hence may be-dearest, what is the matter?"

She turned pale with fear, and he felt her fingers tremble as they rested on his arm. His eyes followed hers, and there, confronting them, was an elderly man, in a dark blue uniform, with a sword at his side.

The stranger bent his brow sternly

on Edward.

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"Who are you, fellow, and what are
you doing here?" he said.
"Fellow yourself!" replied Edward,
his dark face flushing with anger.
"What insolent boor presumes to ad-

dress me in such terms?"

The other drew back and clappe the other drew back and chapter his hand on his sword. There was a wild scream from Lucy, for Edward rushed at him savagely, and struck at him with all his nervous force of youth and strength and rage. The blow

him with all inservous force of youther and strength and rage. The blow caught the man on the chin, and felled him senseless to the ground. "O, Edward! Edward!" "I have only dealt with him as he deserved," said Edward, somewhat ruefully, and repenting of his ire; "but I meant not to strike so hard, sither."

shead of them; Edward drawing her loop and encouraging her to do her best.

But the sailors' hesitation did not last long; they were used to such work, and in a minute more were in hot pursuit. Had Edward been alone, he would soon have distanced them, there being but one of the number whose swiftness need have caused him any uneasiness as to the result. This man quickly shot out in advance of the other two—a lean, lithe figure—and the thud of his footsteps sounded perilously near.

Soon that one runner was scarce a dozen strides off, and slowly, but surely, gaining on them still. Edward groaned.

Though almost breathless by this time, Lucy heard him. "Save yourself and leave me," she said.

Edward laughed aloud at the suggestion—a laugh so fierce and despairing that, as the swift pursuer heard it ringing in the air, he had a misgiving, and slackened his pace to let his comparise them too far behind in an emergency.

But even this assisted Edward nothing, for Lucy suddenly succumbed. He still held her round the waist, and hore her on some distance, but the strain was too great; no man so laden could run far.

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For a long while neither spoke. The drowsy hush of the perfect summer day brooded in this secluded spot, undisturbed by movement of sound of any kind. On the trees the sunlight flickered, fled and returned again, playing fantastic tricks among the leaves. Above stretched the serene and cloudless sky.

"If I had only that one man toreken with," said Edward, at last, "I should not care. But there may be others as well, and if the worst befall me, he has the law at his back to excuse and condone him."

"You are not in his power yet, nor need you be if you are prudent. I heard that strange men were seen in the neighborhood, but understood grident the tree was composed; her expression had recovered its natural charm while she spoke to him. All at once she wheeled round with a stifled cry, panting like a hunted hare. Three men were hurrying across the open space behind to cut off their retreat, and in the foremost of these Edward recognized his enemy.

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sun was level overhead, and its brightiness almost blinded them as they
temerged in its full radiance. Never
pausing an instant to glance back, they
sped away. The ground was rough
and uneven: hard task, in sooth, were
it to run fast in such a place. And it
seemed to them as if they were fleein
for their lives.

Fortunately, they had gained a few
yards in starting, for Lucy's cry of
alarm the men paused in doubt, and
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triumph written on every line of his face.

It was as he had guessed. Deaf for once to the prayers of her lover, Lucy had insisted on venturing back alone. Strong in her love she feared nothing. "They dare not harm me," she said proudly, and so broke away from him with a last embrace and a promise to return after sunset.

The skipper made a sign to his men, and went forward to meet her. The others reluctantly followed him. To do them justice, they were ashamed of their work.

Absorbed in thought, Lucy took no notice of them till they actually met, and even then her look was quiet and composed; no changing color betokened fear. But when she saw the fierce eyes of the skipper fixed steadily upon her, then, indeed her courage almost failed.

She looked at each of them in turn and then waited. "You are the girl that was with that "You are the girl that was with that

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTRY.

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Marriage.
The year 1795.

No. 41, page 12.

Edward Gray, of this parish of Penravand Lucy Deal of the same parish, were married in this church by banas, this 2d day of August, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-flve, by me, may be a support of the same parish, were the same parish which was not been also as the same parish that the same parish was solemnized between us.

Enwand Garage

EDWARD GRAY LUCY DEAL,

GEORGE EDWARDS ELIZA JONES.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL. The circulation of the blood is af-

The electrication of the blood is affected by music.

An ordinary locomotive is said to consist of 5416 pieces.

A new metal named powellite has been discovered in Idaho.

The only quadruped that lays eggs s the ornithorhychus of Australia. It would take about 1200 globes as

large as our earth to make one equal in size to Jupiter. Pasteur's patients for treatment gainst hydrophobia sometimes

rasteurs patients for treatment against hydrophobia sometimes number as many as 129 a month.

Dr. T. C. Duncan, of Chicago, says that smallpox opidemics are coincident with great atmospheric changes due to

It is estimated that by improper methods in the Pennsylvania mines, thirty to forty per cent. of the an-thracite coal was formerly lost.

Professor E. E. Barnard has published two striking photographs which indicate that Brooke's comet collided with some other body on October 1st, The Paris Academy of Medicine has

decided that milk and cheese are great brain restorers. Pure casein contains 753 parts in a thousand of organic phosphorus. organic phosphorus.

The fastest time recorded was by
the Empire State express on the New
York Central and Hudson River Railroad, May 11th, 1893, one mile being
made in thirty-two seconds, equal to
112 miles an hour.

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The phosphate marls of New Jersey have been worked for fertilizers since 1768. In surveying marl beds a borneg apparatus made of half-inch gas plying is used. It gives good results to a depth of thirty feet.

It is said that a red parasol destroys in a great measure the actinic power of the sun and must therefore keep the skin from freekles. Photogra

of the san and must therefore keep the skin from freekles. Photogra-phers long ago availed themselves of this peculiarity of light transmitted through a red medium, and it seems reasonable to suppose that a red shade might protect the complexion.

Mr. Chandler, the astronomer. ecent investigations into the period f the star Algol, which is subject to or the star Algo, which is subject to remarkable diminutions and eclipses, says that there is no doubt that the eclipses are produced by a far distant and larger body than Algol. It is possible that this is a new world so far distant that light from it has not yet reached this earth.

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On Wednesday, January 17th, a Brocknell, England, the Rev. C. W. Langmore observed a beautiful lunar rainbow. It appeared in the shape of a circle of brilliant white surrounder the control of the

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The other man stopped also, and was signalling to the laggers to make haste. Seeing the quarry at bay, haste. Seeing the quarry at bay, haste. Seeing the quarry at bay, significant to think the was powerless; and the precious minutes were flying fast, never to be recalled!

"If I could only see a way out of this," he said.

"Ah, if!" echoed Lucy.

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Meanwhill the other two had come in peup consultation, the fugitive started the race anew. It was their last effort.

A flerce shout escaped the astonished watchers as they dashed headloned after the prey. The shout ceased abruptly, for Lucy and her lovered in during after the prey. The shout ceased disruptly for Lucy and her lovered manner and the proved nothing. The place was distinguished the mild door. Here the girl that was with that man while agore to his state, on his gate, or his sweeth the prediction of the provided them in turn in the call the man happen after?"

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It pays to look the farm over before the burry of spring work comes on, and find out what ought to be done to keep everything about it in good condition. If time is taken by the forelook in this matter, a great deal of the hurry and worry of spring work, as usually experienced on the farm, can be avoided, and the sundry jobs necessary to keeping things about the place in good shape can be done more satisfactorily, because more leisurely. American Agriculturist.

POTING COMPOST FOR PLANTS.

The soil used for potting is made of one part of clean leaf mold or decayed sods or rich garden soil free from weed seeds, one part of clean sand from astream, and one part of throughly-decayed cow manure. For bright flowering plants some powdered charcoal is often added, this giving great brilliance to the bloom. A good liquid manure for house plants imatery dissolving one pound of intrate of seda, two pounds of great work, and two pounds of fresh wood ashes in a barrel of rain water. New York Times.

TO KEEF HOOS HEALTHY.

Cleanly surroundings, pure, clean, good food of the proper kinds for building the growing frame work whilst growing or for fattening when finishing off is as essential to the health of hoga as to any other rainmal, system of the hold of the proper kinds for building the growing frame work whilst growing or for fattening when finishing off is as essential to the health of hoga as to any other rainmal, system of the hold of the proper kinds for building the growing frame work whilst growing or for fattening when finishing off is as essential to the health of hoga as to any other rainmal, system of the proper shinds for building the growing frame work while growing or for fattening when finishing off is as essential to the health of hoga as to any other rainmal, system of the proper shinds for the proper shinds fo

One of the best fences, especially when small hogs are to be restrained, is made with wire netting eighteen to twenty-four inches high at the bottom and three or four strands of barb-wire

above this.

By using four-point hog wire at the bottom, making the first three or four strands of this kind, and the rest of strands of this kind, and the rest of two-point cattle wire, a hop-proof fence can be made entirely of barbed wire. When this is done it will nearly always be best to set the posts eight feet apart, taking care to stretch the wires tight. One important item in a good, all-wire fence is to have good, stout end posts, and to set them deep in the ground and see that they are

well braced.

A very good fence of all-smooth wire can be made by using nile or ten wires and putting in an upright stay rather than afterward. wires and putting in an upright stay
not further than every turee feet.
Two planks at the bottom and three
or four strands of barbed wire above
them make one of the best kinds of
fences that can be built. At present
prices it is doubtful if it is good economy to make an all-rail fence. Work prices it is doubtful if it is good econy to make an all-rail fence. Work the timber into lumber, ties, posts or cord wood, and a better, cheaper and more lasting fence can be made buying wire. One great advantage of a wire fence is that it takes up much less room and is much easier kept clean.—St. Louis Republic.

POTATO RAISING MADE EASY.

In deciding upon a specialty, location must be considered, thinks C. E.

was ease, just as surely as that dry wood will burn when heaped upon a big fire, and we do well to recognize the fact and act upon it. Hogs as raised and fed for market nowadays are the merest kind of hothouse plants anyhow. They are crowded, and crammed, and made gluttonous from their earliest feeding days and unless great care is taken very easily become feverish, excited, overheated, and fit receptacles for floating microbes or other animal culais in the air, the grass, or on their food.

MAKING AND MENDING PENCES.

Building and maintaining the fences on the farm is an item of considerable expense. It will be found advisable to plan the farm so as to lessen the quantity of necessary fencing as much as possible. In many cases the greater part of the cultivated land can be put into one field and in this way a considerable saving be made.

What fences are necessary should be good ones. A fence is intended either to keep stock out or in, and if it fails of this purpose it is an expense without benefit.

In the spring go carefully over the fences and see that they are in good economy to risk a crop where there is a laways more or less time when the frost is all out of the ground and the soil is soft. If the posts are well sharpened they can be set more rapidly in this way than in any other. At this season there is always more or less time when the ground is foo wet to work, and the fences can be overhauled without interfering with the other farm work.

Wire fencing is so cheap and so convenient that it has largely taken the place of other kinds. One decided advantage with it is durability, while a good barb-wire fence will restrained, when small hogs are to be restrained, when

ggs a year.

Always see that the milch cow has a cood milk-forming ration.

You can feed clover to laying hens four or five times a day with profit.

Be sure to fix up a warm poultry bouse for next winter. Cold heus are profitless.

Sprinkle a good dressing of copper as under the grapevines as a remedy for mildew.

Land that cannot be profitably culti-

to advantage.

Between hay and grass is a precarious period for the cows. They will bear attention.

In the growing of large strawberries a rich soil thoroughly prepared is an important factor.

Unless a sow has shown characteristics of early maturity she should not be used for breeding purposes.

A weak, delicate horse is poor property. Breed for vigorous action. Breed sound mares to sound stallions.

In building your poultry house don't put too much glass in it. One-third of the south front is sufficient. The best time to prune the plums is in the spring, between the last heavy freezes and the breaking of the buds.

If given plenty of room the white and sugar maples are fine door yard trees for shade. A lawn set with maples and evergreens presents a hand-