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# AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

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no danger of this. Burdeck Leaves for Horses. It is a practice of some farmers we know to let a few burdeck plants grow so as to furnish a green bite for horses during the early summer. The lorses are almost crazy at this season to eat something green, and the slightly bit-ter taste of the burdeck leaves dos not prevent them from cating them greedily. This will not interfere with eating dry feed as green grass would do. In fact, some horsemen regard the burdeck leaves as a valuable tonic, hand declare that horses eat more heartily and do more work after they have been fed thus.—American Culti-vator.

vator. Grow Medicinal Plants. Many medicinal plants can be grown with profit, as the demand for some kinds is increasing. Absinthe (worm-wood) can be raised as far north as New England, and this country im-ports it from Earope. Saffron, which sells for §8 per pound, may be grown in nearly all sections. Peppermint and spearmint find ready sale, and sage, which is woll known to every farmer, is imported, frequently selling at \$150 per ton. Then there are hoar-hound, boneset, mandrake, blood root, pennyroyal, etc., which are regarded as weeds in some localities, all of which are largely used and have a value in market. Care of Milk Cane.

which are largely used and have a value in market. Care of MIIk Cans. At a convention in Minnesota, J. K. Bennett said, among other things: Li the care of cans, they are to be kept clean and free from rust. They should be washed as soon as possible after being need. Rinse first with cold water, then serub thoroughly with a brash both in-side and outside, using warm water, al-most hot, or better a good scap suds; attention to the seams and don't forget the outsides. You know the inside is of the indiged by the outside. Finish with sealding water. Turn your cans upside down long enough only to allow them to drain; then leave them right side and you will have clean, sweet cans. It is a very common error to leave them over a stake, or on a board. This is a serious mistake, as invariably the cans will sour thereby. The hot are of stema thick for such and sours. Much milk otherwise well cared for is often tainted from no other reason. A rusty can should not be used, as it imparts a foreign flavor to milk.—Dairy World.

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Sammer Care of Berry Bushes.
All berry bushes should be protected from summer heat and drought. This may be done in two ways. First, by frequent cultivation and hoeing, thus forming an earth mulch, which pre-vents the rapid escape of moisture from the soil. Second, by covering the ground around the hill with coarse manure, straw and other material, which prevents evaporation and re-tains the moisture about the roots. One of the best and cheapest mulches for the farmer is green clover, cut in blossom and applied same as manure. It is easily applied, retains moisture, enriches the soil, keeps the berries clean and contains no germ of noxious weeds. A good mulch well applied is one of the great necessities in success-ful frinit growing. When new canes of the blackberry and black raspberry are eighteen inches high, nip the top of about two inches; this will cause sev-eral new laterals to grow, which should be trimmed severely in the spring. The pinching back of new growth is important. It largely increases the bearing surface, keeps the bush low, strong, well formed and less liable to injury from severe storms.—M. A. Thayer, in Nebraska Fammer.

injury from severe storms.—M. A. Thayer, in Nebraska Fammer. KIIIng Rese Bags. A Greenfield (Mass.) subscriber wites: "I have saveral peachtrees which at the present time are full of fruit. While thinning them I found that many had holes in them and oth-ers were being eaten by the common rose bug. Sometimes the bugs were almost hidden in the holes they were almost hidden in the holes they were almost hidden in the holes they were atom is this unusual or is it only that I have never noticed it before? Is there anything that can be done to prevent it? This year there are so many more peaches than the trees. can bear that I am not sorry; but another year it may be different. Peaches are now about an inch long and one-halt to three-fourths the other way." In years when the rose beetles are abundant in alcocality it is not unusual to full them eating the fruit of peach, apple and cherry trees. They are very destructive to bearing grape vines, eating the blossoms as well as the leaves. Their first choice seems to be white roses and grape blossoms, but green apples and peaches are very ac-ceptable. No better method than hand-picking has yet been discovered for combating this insect. They are was used y caught by holding a dish of water under them in the cool of the morning. On touching them with the order hand they will let go their hold

of water under them in the cool of the morning. On touching them with the other hand they will let go their hold and drop into the water. Soapy water is better than clear, and a little ker-osene on top of the water is better still. Vines and trees are sometimes protected by covers of dy-metting, and for a few small trees this is cheap and sure.—A. W. Cheever. in New Eng-land Farmer.

Hope, Hope, Dare, Dare, While there's a hand to strike; Dare, Toil, While there's a synthemory of the While there's a God to save. Learn That there's a work for each: While there's a God to save. Learn That there's a work for each; Feel That there's a strength in God; Know, That there's a frown reserved. Though 'neath furthere's a for the save there's a for that wrongs; Help, When there's a brother's need; Watch, When there's a tompter near;

When there's a tempter near Pray, Both in thy word and deed. sh, pter near;

WATCHWORDS OF LIFE.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"So your son has completed his edycation?" "Great Scott! No! Why, he's just out of college!"--Detroit News. "Has Bigmoney any poor rela-tives?" "He doesn't know. He isn't dead yet."--Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

dead yet."-Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune. "Do you think capital punishmest a remedy for crime?" "Well, it might be if persisted in for several generations."-Judge. She-"Talk about woman's idle cur-iosity! There's no such thing." He -"No. I should say it worked night and day."-Detroit Journal. A proofreader has been discharged because a cowslip by the river's brim a simple cow's lip was to him, and nothing more.-Somerville Journal. A cab-owner had the word "Excel-for" painted on the door-panel of all his vehicles. He explained that his motto was "Hire."-London Tit-Bits. "My wife cleans house eight times a year," said the applicant for divoree. "Decree granted," said the judge, in a voice that shivered.-Detroit Free Press. The Pretty Girl--"Miss Smuther

Press. The Pretty Girl--"Miss Smuther was named after her Uncle George, wasn't she?" The Bright One--"I don't know. She looks as if she was named before him."--Cincinnati Com-mercial Tribune.

named before him."—Cincinnati Com-mercial Tribune. Wallace—"There is nothing like matrimony to make a man appreciate the value of money." Ferry—"That's so. A dollar a man gives to his wife does look bigger to him than any other dollar."—Cincinnati Enquirer. Typewriter—"I am rapid enough, and understand business forms all right, but I must admit that I cannot spell." Business Man—"You won't do, then, even at the price. I can't spell, either."—Indianapolis Journal. Mrs. Manykyds—"There is one good thing about our girls; they are always self-possessed." Papa Many-kyds (grimly)—"Yes; they are too self-possessed. I wish they'd get some one else to possess them."— Puck.

Puck. "How in the world did you get old Curmudgeon's consent to wed his daughter?" "Finesse, me boy, finesse, I told all around that he caught seven-teen four-pound bass on that last fish-ing expedition of his."—Detroit Free Press.

Press. "You blamed old plug," said the farmer to his balky horse, "you actually ain't worth killin' — un-less," he added, after second thought, "unless I could manage to get you killed by the railroad."—Cincinnati Enquirer. Nurse—"Please, mum, you must send for the doctor quick for little Johnnie." Mother—"Oh dear! What is the matter?" Nurse—"I don't know, mum; but he hasn't been up to any mischief for two hours."—Lon-don Tit-Bits.

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Bobby had been studying his dear old grandfather's wrinkled face for along time. "Well, Boh," said the old gentleman, "do you like my face?" "Yes, grandpa," said Bobbie, "it's an awfully nice face, but why don't you have it froned?"—Standard.
Sprocket.—''I was sorry not to keep my appointment with you; but, you see, my wheel broke down." Hudson—''Why didn't you come in on the train?" Sprocket.—'Heavens! And ride with those miserable non-bikers? Never!"—Philadelphia North American.
M. D. (to anxious mother)—'Your fon's case is very simple; we will take out his spine, lay his lungs and heart bare, inject his liver with an acid, and insert a silver wire at the base of his thorax. We will then sew him up neatly, and you'll be surprised at the change if'll make."—Truth.
"Dearry said the Senator's wife, "the papers are accusing you of letting the stock market influence your yote." "It is a lie," roared the statesman, as he pounded the table with his fist."—It has allow my vote to influence my dealings in the stock market."—Indianapolis Joarnal.
Little Harry—''You didn't preach last Sunday, did you?" The Minister—'No; I was ill and omitted my sermon." Little Harry—''I thought they was something happened, for when pa got home he said he wouldn't ming doin' to church every Sunday it thy always had that kind of services.", "\_cClevalan Leader.
They had been discussing the ediawer. "That won't do us any good." returned the railroad manager. "I' we could get coal direct from electricity now we wouldn't have to worry about this strike."—Chicago Evening Post. Post. -----

In a home tor sandwichmen in Lon don there are said to be several uni-versity graduates and medical men, and a Scotchman who ran through \$250,000 in three years.

A Just Claim. "Miss Grabbs declares her girl "Miss Grabbs declares her girl friends can't deny that her attachment to that gentleman with a title was a case of love at first sight." "That's very true," replied Miss Cay-enne. "She saw him first."-Washing-en Star.

Corpses on a Ship. When dead bodies are entered as cargo on a ship, they are recorded on the involces as "statuary" or "natural history specimens." to allay the super-stitious fears of the crew.

washed away.-Judge. The B. & O. officials are very much pleased with certain statistics that have recently been prepared of the performance of freight trains on the Second division, which handles all the east and west-bound traffic between Baltimore and Cumberland. Before the new freight engines were pur-chased, and the improvements made in the track, in the way of straighten-ing curves and reducing grades, the average number of cars to the train was 28½. Now, with more powerful and modern motive power and a better track, the average. 18 d cars per train, an increase of 41 per cent. The ave-age east-bound movement per day for the dirst ten days of August was 1.25 bound corts. On the Third division, Gar grades of 125 feet to the mile, the raginades of 215 feet context of the train. Now the average is 25% loads to the train. An increase of 31 per cent. It would certainly appear that the money span to be more than the the second of the train the second of the train.

the invoices as "statuary" or "natural history specimens," to allay the super-stitious fears of the crew. Camphor 1s now exclusively a product of Japan, since the annexation of Formosa to that country. The cam-ohor tree thrives only in particular lo-ralities, where the average yearly tem-perature is above 15 degrees C. It is found in Shikoku, Kinshiu and a por-tion of Izu and Kil provinces. A cam-phor tree grows at the rate of about one and a half inches a year and at-ains a grean size, forty feet in circum-ference not being unusual. The quan-tity of camphor produced by a tree in-treases as the tree grows older, and as much as eight pounds of camphor has been obtained at one time from trees between 50 and 150 years old. Crude camphor is made by steaming the thin chips of the wood in a wooden mask set over an iron pot, the camphot in a gaseous state being conveyed through a bamboo pipe to a set of twe rectangular wooden receptacles placed one within the other. In these the stream is condensed and the replaced by fresh chips, this process continuing for from ten to fifteen days. When the lower compartments of the upper feceptacle is scraped off and put into a dripping tub, where it is left for three tays to separate water and olis from the rude camphor. According to informa-tion gathered by the National Associa-tion of American Manufacturers, the suitivation of camphor trees is con sidered very profitable in Japan.-New York Times. Twenty-five years ago scientists pre-dicted tha abundant coal fields would Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury, beware of Ominiants for Charter Links is marcury Contain Mercury. Sense Construction of the sense of small and completely denseries whole system when entering it through the mucrus surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derives from Fill. Chail Scale Co. Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and muccous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's tarraft cure be sure to get the genuine. Obin, by F. J., thency & Co. Testimonials free. Testing Dy Druggistics price, 350, per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

sidered very profitable in Japan.-New York Times. Twenty-five years ago scientists pre-dicted that abundant coal fields would be found on both sides of the British channel, and the predictions have been fulfilled. Besides the great Kentish fields discovered several years ago and yielding bountifully ever since im-mense tracts of coal have been recently found between Cahis and Cape Gris-nez. The French discoveries were the result of those in England, geologists being sure that the same belt of coal extended under the water from one country to the other. This last discov-ery is of the greatest importance to in-dustrial France.

Every one believes he does not "get ne credit" he deserves.

The new 85-pound steel rais that the receivers of the B. & O. purchased several months ago, at an exceedingly low figure, are now being delivered at the rate of 5,000 tons a month. As fast as it comes it is being laid, and it more able to be a state of the second time of the second state of the other second second second second the second s 20.000 tons of it will be in the track by Christmas. Nearly a million cross ties have been bought in the last year and placed in the track ready for the new rail. Ballast trains have been kept busy up and down the line, and the work has progressed with such rapidity that when the new rail is new from Wheeling to Baltimore. There are lots of good rail in the old tracks, not heavy enough for the new motive power, which will be taken up and laid on divisions where traffic is not as great as it is on the main line. About ten thousand tons of new steel Will be laid on the lines west of the Ohio river this fail, if weather permits.

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No Inducement. Castleton-How few girls go in bath-ing here this season! Dillback-Yes. The grand stand back of the bathing beach has been washed away.-Judge. Nor are we surprised it was not in liking. Though from office and power he receiver. He will neer be a Wheeler who has a Leader. UDDCL DVI A WCADVA

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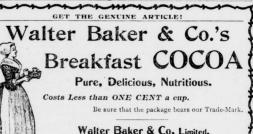
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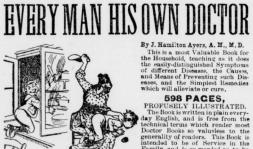
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