

CHURN SLOWLY.

"Don't ply the dasher so fast, my dear,
It's not so good for the butter,
And will make your arms ache, too, I fear;
And put you all in a flutter—
For this is a rule, wherever we turn,
Don't be in haste whenever you churn—
Churn slowly!"

"If you'd see your butter come nice and sweet
Don't churn with a nervous jerking,
But ply the dasher slowly and neat—
You'll hardly know that you're working;
And when the butter has come, you'll say,
'Yes, this is surely the very best way'—
Churn slowly!"

—Sarah Keables Hunt.

POMEGRANATE BLOSSOMS.

Pomegranate blossoms! heart of fire,
I dare to be thy death,
To slay thee while the summer sun
Is quickening thy breath,
To rob the autumn of thy wine,
Next year of all ripe seeds of thine,
That thou mayst bear one kiss of mine
To my dear love before my death,
For, heart of fire! I, too, am robbed,
Like thee, like thee, I die;
While yet my summer sun of love
Is near and warm and high,
The autumn will run red with wine,
The autumn fruits will swing and shine,
But in that little grave of mine
I shall not see them where I lie.

—Sara Holm.

A BEAR-BACK RIDE.

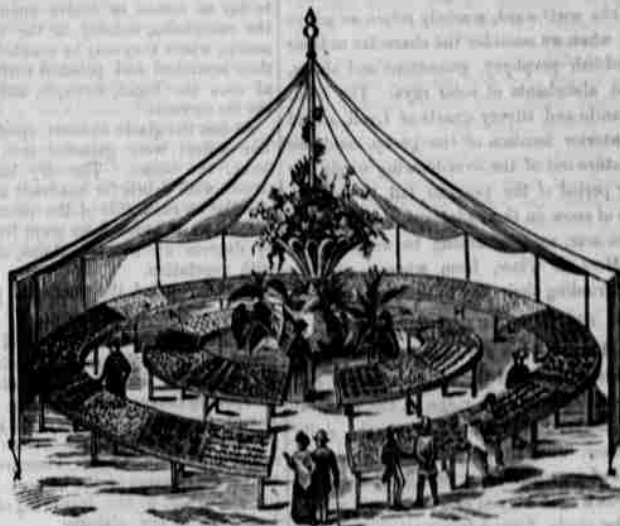
About 15 years ago there was a very big she bear and her three cubs, one a yearling and two small ones, which traveled up and down the coast and oft-times would kill my cattle. She was very cunning and would only come around in very dark nights. I hunted for her from time to time, but failed to find her. One day I tracked her to the beach where I found that she came to eat a dead seal. She had to pass through some willows and a small creek. So I made up my mind to get up one of the willows that night, and as she came by to try and shoot her. I asked a man by the name of Jonathan Wright to go with me. We went at sun-down and got up one of the willows and waited until two o'clock in the morning before she came. It being very dark under the willows we could not see well. The three cubs came first and commenced to drink water. We mistook the yearling cub for the she bear, and as well as we could aim, fired. The cubs gave a howl and ran back, and at the same time the she bear came down through the willows, tearing everything right and left. She came under the tree where we were, and sat up and was trying to find us when I shot her. She commenced to cough and went off in the brush and died. Wright wanted to go home. So we got down from the tree and started for the house. In going around a point we met the cub. The yearling cub made a jump at Wright and he shot at it, but missed it. The cub jumped back and then jumped at me, and at the same time I fired and missed it. The smoke from my gun blinded me; and at the same time the cub ran between my legs and upset me, and as I fell, I put out my hands to catch myself, and as the cub's head was between my legs, I fell on to the cub's back and my hands caught him by the hair on his rump, and down the hill we went. The cub bucked pretty well and I fell off. Wright halloed and asked me where I was going. I told him as soon as I could that I was going home, and I did. I don't know which was the more scared, I or the cub. A few days after I shot the three cubs.—W. B. Post, in *Pacific Rural Press*.

THE New York *Sun* speaks of the Sandwich Islands as having leaped, in the last half century, from barbarism to civilization. Queen Emma presents a greater advance over Kamahameha II. than Queen Victoria over William the Conqueror.

FLORAL DISPLAYS AT FAIRS.

A fine display of flowers forms one of the most attractive, instructive and altogether delightful features of a popular fair. Most agricultural societies recognize this fact, and offer premiums to exhibitors; but it is seldom that the floral show is one-tenth as good as it might be, with a little more interest on the part of flower growers and efforts from the managers

FOOD TOO EASILY DIGESTED.—The healthy adult requires food which will give the stomach work to do. The stomach requires work as much as the legs or arms. The nutriment of food for such should not be abstracted and ready prepared, as, for instance, it is in milk, eggs, meat; it is better that the stomach abstract it by the process of digestion from food. With the sick and the young, however, the case is very different. The stomach of a strong man is like a quartz crushing machine, capable of doing vigorous work. That of a dyspeptic is



FLORAL TENT AT AN AGRICULTURAL FAIR.

of the exhibition. It is very excellent to have a good show of potted plants, but if effort be confined to this direction the number of competitors must necessarily come from a narrow circle around the fair town. On the other hand, if due attention be given to shows of cut flowers, the competing collections may come hundreds of miles with very little trouble or expense.

For the artistic designs on this page we are

quite different, and may need great care to enable it to do its work at all. Weak stomachs, however, may be trained by slow degrees to do their work well by giving them just the right food, properly chewed, and stopping the expenditures of nerve force in other directions so that the blood may go to it. By such a course half the dyspepsia might be avoided or cured.—*Herald of Health*.

UNSLAKED LIME FOR BLASTING PURPOSES.—

Unslaked lime compressed into cartridges, or

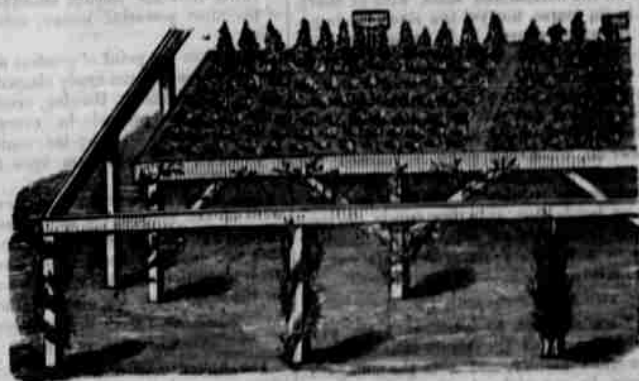


TABLE FOR EXHIBITING FLOWERS.

indebted to Jas. Vick, the celebrated florist, of Rochester, N. Y.

ELECTRICAL TEST FOR OILS.—Prof. Palmieri, of Naples, has recently constructed an apparatus which allows the purity of oils to be judged of by the resistance that they offer to the passage of electricity. Olive oil—a poorer conductor than any other—is taken as the standard of comparison. The apparatus may also serve to reveal the presence of cotton in silk fabrics; for a very small proportion of cotton in silk tissues greatly increases the conductivity of the latter.

used loosely and well tamped down in the hole, using water or other liquid to saturate and expand it, is now proposed for use in fiery coal mines. It is claimed that the advantages to be derived from its use are economy in the production of coal; making less slack than by using ordinary blasting powder; lives of colliers are in less danger; the breaking and shattering of coal back of the charge—which is especially characteristic of the use of gunpowder—is avoided; and the quality of the atmosphere is rather improved by its use than otherwise.

JUSTICE MCKEAN, of Utah, is dead.