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A YEAR'S HISTORY.	21. \$400,000 fire at Sloux City; \$300,000 at New Orieans. 24. Li Hung Chang shot by fanatic Japan- cae; not fatally	1. Destructive gales on British coast Cuba declares her independence. 2. Texas special Legislature prohibits pu		duct. Then we improved it still more by letting it get riper before cutting. It took many dollars and much experi- menting and study to find out all that is	HISTORY OF SOAL
Chronological Record of Twelve	26. \$1,000,000 fire in Milwaukee.	barre, Pa., mine Masked bandits success- fully hold up a Chicago electric car. 9. Anniversary of big Chicago fireFive	PARTMENT.	known now-more than those who are now being benefited by the results of the experience realize. Anyone with a dairy of ten cows and	WAS MANY CENTURIES AGO
Months. /	1 ture 78 degrees. 80. Death of A. C. Hesing, editor of Illi- nois Staats-Zeltung. April.	Georgia father kills his nine children,	Better Returns than Many Business Transactions - A Serviceable Hoist-	upwards should have a silo. Nothing	ers-A Soap Factory In the City of peil-Processes of Manufacture W Have Always Been About the Same
FULL RECORD OF 1895.	1. Boller explosion kills six at Woburn. MassFive die in Kentucky forest fires. 2. Republicans successful in Ohio, Michi- gan, Wisconsin and Chicago. 3. Death of Mrs. Paran Stevens, society queen of New YorkGrand Pacific Hotel of Chicago closedFifteen killed by explo-	toba prairie fire; immense property loss. 19. \$150,000 aaw-mill fire at Minneapolis.	A Holating Device	for the silo. No other kind of corn fod- der has given us anything like the same satisfaction as ensilage. It is a milk- giving food, but wheat bran is neces-	The origin of soap is a mystery, but have many evidences of its antiquity is mentioned at least twice in the I
An Epitome of All Events of importance.	5. Supreme Court makes changes in in- come tax law Train wrecks in Ohio and	lanta\$175,000 linseed oil mill fire at Chi- cago.	sents a simple device which is of great service when butchering. The uprights a and b are 4x4's, or ordinary post tim-	sary to give the balanced ration. Now we cut the corn when the ears begin to glaze, cutting all of it, ears, blade and	under the name of borith, at a period responding to several centuries b Christ. In the Louvre in Paris there is an i
The Usual Admixture of Disaster, Crime, Political Changes, Commer-	8. Discovery of counterfeiting of postage stamps21 miners killed at New What- com, Wash Collapse of six-story brick at What-	seconds, running time, beating world's rec-	into the ground two or three feet, five	stalk, and putting it in. Another les- son we learned was that pressure is not necessary.	esting old vase of Etruscan manufa- whose age is computed at about a years. It is interesting in connection our subject as bearing a group of child
cial Achievements, and Interna- tional Complications-Atrocitics of Turks in Armenia the Most Bhock-	of Chicago Times Herald in New York	<ul> <li>ord.</li> <li>26. Three killed by explosion of tug boller at ChicagoSheriff and posse at Tiffin, Ohio, kill two of a lynching mobBurning of Virginia's State University.</li> <li>29. Negro criminal burned at the stake in Texas\$200,000 fre in Springfield, OhioTwo killed, three fatally hurt, in a collision in St. Louis.</li> </ul>	In position, secure the upper ends at e and f, and set the lower ends firmly in	One Way to Save Money. During the winter many conveniences and necessary farm tools and imple- ments can be made in the home work-	in relief who are engaged in blowing bles from pipes. Though we must overlook the fact that certain vege julces are capable of being used in blo
ing Page in Modern History-Pow- ers of Europe Unite in Demanding Reform-Cuban Revolution Next in Public Interest.	19. Three killed, six hurt, at Chicago ship- yarda,	31. Earthquake throughout the central belt of the United States; no fatalities, little dam- age.		house, says the Agriculturist. Hay- racks, wagon beds, swing gates, water troughs and tanks, sleds, tool racks,	bubbles, it is for many reasons more p able that soap of artificial manufas was employed for the purpose. In the uncarthed city of Pompeil
With but two exceptions, the nature of the events which go to make up the his-	<ol> <li>H. H. Kohisaat buys Chicago Times- Heraid May wheat selis at 60 cents</li> <li>All grain advances stronglyOll goes higher.</li> <li>21. Five negroes lynched at Butler Springs.</li> <li>Ala15 inches of snow in Colorado.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Earthquake at Bome Durrant found guilty of murder at San Francisco.</li> <li>H. H. Hoimes found guilty of murder of Benjamin Pitzel at Philadeiphia.</li> <li>Four killed in B. &amp; O. wreck near Wheel- ing, W. Va Four burned to death in New York transment house firm.</li> </ol>	· Jell	stalk rakes, chicken coops, shipping crates and berry boxes are simple in construction. Any bright farmer, with the assistance of a blacksmith, can	preservation of which has been the m of revealing to us many antique cust there is to be seen a soap manufact with all the kettles and other parapho
tory of the past year is not startling. The butchery of thousands of Armenians by Turks has aroused the European powers, and at the close of the year active preparations were in progress which sug-	23. Supreme Court decides in favor of Debs in the famous contempt of court case. May.	5. Death of Eugène Field at Chicago \$309,000 fire at Decatur, Ill. 5. Republican landsilde\$1,500,000 fire in New York.	1 1 1 V	make all of these and more. The ex- pense will be much less than if bought in town or hired made. The tools which every well-regulated farm ought to pos-	lia pertaining to the business; also a q tity of soap, evidently the product of antique "soapery." The memorable volcanic eruption, w
gested the probable dismemberment of the Ottoman empire. The revolt of Cubans against Spanish rule was the next most important affair, and that, too,	Ohlo ceal strike on. 3. Awful death roll in Iowa and Wiscon- sin stormsFive killed by powder mill ex-	<ol> <li>Forty killed by boller explosion in De- troit, Mich., Journal building By an fam- ity of six die in their burning house at Brooklyn.</li> <li>Chicago dailles reduce to 1 cent.</li> </ol>	HOISTING DEVICE.	sess will answer. We have in mind a young farmer who does all this kind of work, and he is prospering in spite of	removing a city from the face of the er preserved to us the evidences of a high ilization. I had the good fortune, when visi
was in full sway at the close of the year. Spain seems to fruitlessly bend every energy toward its suppression. Popular sympathy is largely with the Cubans, and	<ul> <li>88 degrees: one man sunstruck.</li> <li>8. South Chicago and Joliet steel workers strike, Oriental peace assured.</li> <li>10. Steemers Cayuga and Hurd sunk off Mackinaw, Mich., by colliding; one man lost; pecuniary loss, \$400,000, Temperature at</li> </ul>	11. Chicago dallies reduce to 1 cent. 16. Twenty killed in a street car accident at Cleveland, Ohio Death of Dr. S. F. Smith, author of "America," at Boston News of another massacre by Tarks in Ar- menia: S00 siah Consolidation of Chicago Laurent and Press	the ground. For h use an old shaft or a piece of hard wood and fasten it to c and d as indicated in the illustration. Attach one end of the two ropes x and	hard times, cheap products, etc. He raises as much grain and stock as his neighbors who buy everything "ready" made, and has much more "ready"	Pompeii, to secure some of this and soap and also a quantity of a peer white elay of a highly saponaceous of acter and possessing remarkable deter properties. It was taken from the bot
their success seems not improbable. In American politics the year has been ex- citing, and one of the great partles has suffered such reverses as to leave the	ple hurt by gas explosion at Chicago; four	19. Furlous snow and wind storm in North- westLowell, Mass.; Dalins, Texas; and Purcell, I. T., have big free. 21. \$600,000 free in Springer Building, Chi- cagoEugene V. Debs released from Woodstock. III., jailSuitan of Turkey formed to a page pulles by the pagers. after	y to h and run them through the pul- leys attached to the crosspiece e f.	cash. Try your hand at it when the weather prevents outside work. Many kitchen things are also easily made.	of a well sunk inside the soap facto the spring, no doubt, from which the F pelian soap manufacturer obtained water which he used in making his so
chief executive unsupported in political faith by a majority in either house of Congress. A chronological record of events follows:	igan. 18. Great flurry in corn and wheat. 19. \$1,000.000 fire at St. Albans, Vt Ter-	he had countenanced many Armenian massa- cres.	the middle of h and run through a pul- ley at m. Two ropes are preferable.	Home-Made Sausages. The sausages that come on the farm- er's table ought always to be home made. Those which are purchased in	Political economists tell us that quantity of scap consumed by a natic a gauge of its state of civilization, an this connection it is interesting to obs
January. 1. Michigan's first public installation of State officersGov. Morton, of New York, sworn inBeiglum bars American beef Tom Biair lynched at Mount Sterling, Ky	rible carthqunkes in ItalyKilling froat in fifteen States. 20. Income tax declared invalidWheat sells at 74% cents. 21. Jose Marte, President Cuban Insur- gents, Kiled14 killed in San Francisco	cago blazeRelease from fall and enthusi- astic reception of E. V. Debs, labor leader, at ChicagoForeign fleets rendersyous in the Dardanelles. 25. Tremendous damage at Chicago by storm of show, sleet and rain; all car lines	the heaviest carcass. A wagon box	the butcher shops are almost always made of meat that is nearly ready to decay, and the high seasoning they get	that the country in which the soap ma facture was first conducted as a comp cial enterprise is far behind others to as a soap making or soap consuming of
<ul> <li>Five perish in an incendiary five at Lancas- ter, Ky.</li> <li>2. Death of Col. Edward M. Heyl, inspec- tor general Department of the Missouri, at Ohicago Carnegie's Homestead men strike</li> </ul>	powder house explosion. 25. Two men lynched for assault at Dan- ville, Ill Wheat reaches 82 cents. 27. Supreme Court against Debs. 28. Death of Gresham, Secretary of State.	blocked, wires down, Fire at Chicago does \$200,000 damage Seventy killed by explo- sion in cartridge factory at Paima, Island of Majorca. 20, Three vessels go ashore at Giencoe, Ill.;	riculturist. Entrance to a Walk. Many homes are approached by side-	with spices is for the purpose of con- cealing their unwholesomeness. A well- made sausage is not at all unwhole- some, though it is usually harder to	munity. The English manufacture the grea quantity of soap per head of populat the output being a little over one po
against reduction of wages. 3. Fires: \$75,000 at Springfield, Ohio; \$105,- 000 at Coffeyville, Kan.; \$160,000 at Cleve-	20. Remarkable military reunion at Chi- cago.	crews of 26 men saved Riot in Jackson, Mich., prison, 27. Death of Alexandre Dumas, Jr., at	walks across the lawn or yard to the	digest than meat not so highly spiced. The home-made sausage ought to have	per week per head, while in America just a little under that figure. But

W. W. Taylor, ex-Treasurer of South ota, embezzies \$350,000; his bank at Red-

akota, embezzies \$300,000; ins bank eld closes. 10. Two lives lost in a Toronto fire; prop-ty loss, \$600,000; 11. Coldest day of the season in Chicago; 2 below. . Storms in the East. 12. Train held up near Ottumwa, Iowa. 13. One hundred firemen frost-bitten at tradford, Pa.; \$130,000 dammes. ... Several easels lost on England's coast; fifteen sall-re drown.

14. Hundred miners trapped by rising water in North Staffordshire, Eng.; 20 drowned.
15. Glant powder borror at Butte, Mont.;
60 people Killed, 100 hurt. "French President resigns; Royalists awake.
17. M. Fellx Faure elected President of France.

rance. 18. News of rebellion in Hawaii....Death f Mary, Vice President Stevenson's daugh-er....Militia ordered out to protect Brook-

ter. . . Militia ordered out to protect black iyn trolleys. 19. Body of Barrett Scott, the O'Neill, Neb., defaulter, found in the river, with rope around his ueck ... Sinking of steamer State of Missouri in the Ohio; forty lives

 Christian Endeavor assembles at Doston.
 14. Destructive storm in North Dakora.
 Three drown at South Haven, Mich. ... Seven accidental fatalities at Chiengo.... Nine killed by storm in New York and New Jersey.
 18. Beginning of Horr Haryey debate at Chiengo.
 17. First appearance of bloomers at a ball. 

31. Sixteen perish in a cloudburst in Col-orado and Wyoning....Menominee, Mich., hus a \$500,000 fire.

August. 4. False report of race war at Spring Val-ley. III., between Italian and negro miners... Murder of British missionarles in China... \$1,000.000 fre at Sprague, Wash. 7. Death of George F. Root, the famous

Gentry loses stallon pacing championship to Patchen. 29.7.8. Heavy rains in corn belt; severe storms accompanied by fatalities in Illinois

29. Fifteen miners drown at Central City.

Feptember.

2. One hundred people hurt on the Sea Beach road, Long Island. 3. Furious storm in central Northern

a. Furnous atoria in central Notatra States.
4. \$300,000 fire at Boston.
6. Triple murder in Sullivan County, Ind.
7. Forty-two miners perish in a burning mine at Calumet, Mich... Defender de-feats Valkyrle in first cup contest by nine

8. Five killed by dynamite near Dubuque, Iowa.

10wa. 9. Opening of G. A. R. encampment at Louisville. 10. Valkyrie fouls Defender at the start.

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80, Funeral of Gresham at Chicago...

30. Functul of Orteman and Confederate monument. 31. Cloudbursts in Texas, parching droughts in middle Western States, 90 degrees in the shade in Dakota, six inches of snow in Col-orado, baimy weather on the Pacific coast, and 96 degrees in New York City.

June. 1, 2, 3. Unprecedented heat in Chicago, New York, Detroit, Philadelphia and Indian-apolis; many deaths from heat prostrution. 4. Drop at Chicago of 40 degrees tempera-

canal.

sion in carriage factors as a shore at Giencoe, Ill.; 26, Three vessels go ashore at Giencoe, Ill.; crews of 26 men saved ... Riot in Jackson, Mich., prison. 27, Death of Alexandre Dumas, Jr., at

27. Death of Alexandre Dumas, Jr., at Paris. 28. Day of doom for the turkey....Foot-bail games: Michigan beats Ohicago: Boston and Ohicago. Ite; Pennaylvania defeats Cor-nell; Purdue defeats Illinois; Louisville wins from De Pauw; Columbia Athletic downs Co-lumbia University; Brown defeats Dart-mouth. December.

2. Assembling of Fifty-fourth Congress; Reed elected Speaker of the House...Zero weather in Northwest...Further massacres

ture. 5. Silver convention at Springfield, III. 7. Oiney appointed Sceretary of State, Harmon Attorney General. 8. \$200,000 fire at Kalamazoo. 9. \$750,000 fire at Milwaukee. 13. Whisky trust declared Illegal. 16. Greenville, Ohio, has a \$225,000 fire. 17. H. J. Aldrich fails for \$1,000,000 at Denver. ...Deadly storms sweep the Mis-souri Valler....Opening of Harlem ship canal.

canal.
20. Opening of Kiel ship canal.
21. Rosebery's ministry defeated..., Two fatally, ten badly hurt, by explosion on whaleback excursion steamer Christopher.
Columbus at Chicago.
28. Six firemen killed at Minnespolis; 5100;-000 loss...\$2,000,000 fire at San Francisco.
29. Death of Prof. Thos. Huxley at London. July. 3. Daughter born to the Clevelands. 7. Terrific storm at Chicago. . . . Six drown-ed at Lake Geneva. Wis. . . Michigan swept by forest fires. 10. Christian Endeavor assembles at Bos-

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ARTISTIC GATEWAY.

enter the grounds it is possible to at-

range shrubbery in a way to make the

entrance artistically effective. The

chief point to be borne in mind is that the gateway should be flanked on either side by shrubbery or small trees. "The path should also curve as it enters one's grounds, and if the shrubbery is carried along a little way, on the outer side of the path, the entrance will be hidden entirely from the grounds-a very attractive feature.

The Farm as an Investment.

made sausage is not at all unwholesome, though it is usually harder to digest than meat not so highly spiced. The home-made sausage ought to have not more than one-fourth of its meat fat. Most boughten sausages contain more fat than this, the sausage being used to get rid of fat meat that would not be otherwise salable.

#### Care in Keeping Apples.

There are greater difficulties in marketing fruit successfully than in marketing any other farm product. Even the best keeping apples will waste enough under ordinary care between fall and spring to more than offset their increased price at the latter season. Most farm cellars are too warm to store fruit successfully, and if ventilated to keep them cool. it makes the living rooms above too cold. A cellar built by itself half above ground and half below is best for storing fruit. This can be ventilated, and in the very coldest weather a stove can be heated to prevent danger of the fruit freezing.

#### Feeding Cora in the Ear.

The Western Dent.corn does not dry out so quickly as the Flint varieties. It has more weight per bushel of ears, especially if the kernels are well filled out. In cold weather or on poor soil Those who complain that the farm the Dent corn will much of it be light ocsn't pay would often find that after and chaffy, especially toward the tip. end. The Flint corn is less likely to be chaffy, but if the season is unfavorable, more or less of it will not be filled out to the end. "Where the pollenizafron is deficient the corn will be seattering on the cob, though the kernels will be larger and better than when they are compressed in an ear where

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The English manufacture the greatest quantity of scap per head of population, the output being a little over one pound per week per head, while in America it is just a little under that figure. But we must not concede that this indicates a higher civilization in England than at nome. Great Britain not only consumes more soap than we do, in various manuactures, but she exports a great deal of her product to other countries, some of which is used by the people of the United States. So our consumption is doubtless at least equal to that of our English consins. Germany follows next, then France, then Holland, while Italy takes a

poor sixth place. The United States can boast the largest and most perfectly equipped soap factories in the world. Some of them have a capacity of more than 3,000,000 pounds a week striking contrast to the little establishment at Pompell, which, though perfect in its equipment, had scarcely a capacity of as many grains, equivalent to about 40 pounds, in the same time,

Of all the soaps which are now or have ever been manufactured, those made from olive oil are the best. If is not surprising that the olive growing countries of south ern Europe should have acquired such a great 'And worldwide reputation as soap producing regions, for their mitural ad vantages for such an industry are great. The climate and the fertility of their soil

fitted them well for the cultivation of the olive on the one hand and on the other the immense supply of seaweed, known as barilla, or bariglia, from the ashes of which they prepared their caustic lyes, gave them an advantage over the rest of world. However, through the discovery of a means of producing caustic soda in unlimited quantity from our enormous salt deposits, and even from the ocean itself. oapmaking has ceased to be a local indus try. At the present time the alkali plains of the United States promise to become an important center for this industry, for there in nature is to be found a large quantity of alkali which can be had for the trouble of taking it from the soil. It is now being used in converting into sonp the tallow and grease from the large h of live stock raised on the adjoining plains. In its essentials the process of manufacturing soap has scarcely changed since the time of the Pompelians. The large fac-tories use the selfsame methods that were employed in Pompeli 18 or more centuries ago, and the process is so simple that the farmer, or more frequently his wife, can and often does make his own household SOAD The simple boiling of a quickened lye with grease or oil and the subsequent ad-dition of salt to separate the excess of water and glycerin, which would make the soap too soft were they not removed, constitute the process. Grease and oils used in soapmaking all contain glycerin, and soapmaking consists in boiling the fat long enough and with sufficient caustic lye to separate all the glycerin from the fat. Until the last two decades it was the habit of the soapmaker to throw away all his waste lyes which contained this glycerin, and in this way an enormous value in material must have reached our sewers since the commencement of the present century. Today nearly every soap works is also a glycerin factory, and this is a very im-portant and profitable branch of the busi ness -Youth's Companion.

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21. Chicago has a thunder and rain storm.
with temperature of 54 degrees and a spring breeze, followed by a hurricane blowing of miles an hour, temperature fulling to 10 degrees above zero; many people hurt by failing timbers, blown from fow buildings.
23. Steamer Chicora and 25 people lost of South Haved, Mith.; financial loss, \$185,000.
Death of Lord Randolph Charchill, at Londen.

Londen. 25. Seven Killed by Mendota, III, boiler explosion "Gunteman concedes Mexico's boundary claim. Fearful wind and snow storm in the West. 23. Thirteen sailors drowned off Point Ju-dub Concerns.

boundary claim. Fearful wiad and snow storm in the West.
29. Thirteen sailors drowned off Point Judith. Conn.
27. Mercury below zero all day in Chicago Snow Blockades many Western roads.
28. One killed, 43 burt. In Vandalia wreek at Coatsville, 1nd. President Cleveland's currency message sent to Congress.
29. Receivers anned for the whisky trust.
30. Steamer Elbe sank in collision with the Crathle, in North Sea. 214 Afters ledat.
31. Death of Ward McAillister, leader of New York's solety.

New York's, society. February. 3. News of kiduaping of officers from Uni-ted States gunboat Concord, by Chinese, for accidental shooting of a native. Chicago temperature 13 below. 4. Three drowned by Milwankee street car running hto an open draw. Thirty French miners killed by explosion. Chicago tem-perature 17 below. Queen Lil abdicates Hawaii's throne. 6. Bilizzard sweeps over the Northwest. Aikem for the overdue French liner La Gas-cogne.

And the country suffers extreme cold: 20 below at Chicago... Nine men lost in open boats at Milwaukee... Report of annihils tion of Chinese fleet at Wel-Hai-Wel... Ad-miniatization's currency measure and Reed and Cox substitutes defeated in the House. and Cox substitutes defeated in the House. 8. President announces the sale of \$62, 400,000 in bonds....Coldest day of the year

7. Death of George F. Boot, the famous composer. 8. Thirteen killed and many infured by fail-ing building in New York. Death of Supreme Judge Howell E. Jackson, of Tennessee. 10. \$250,000 fire at Lockport. III. 11. \$500,000 fire at Newark, N. J. . . . Four killed in a wreck at Bainbridge, Ohio. 13. \$300,000 fire at Philadeiphia. 13. \$400,000 fire at Philadeiphia. 13. \$400,000 fire at Philadeiphia. 13. \$400,000 fire at Childer and a seven drown at Ocean City, Md. 20. Trains held up on the U. & W. M., near Feenville, Mich., and on the Union Pacific near North Platte, Neb. . . Elight killed and eight injured by explosion at Braddock, Pa. 22. Miwaukee loses \$382,000 by fire... Gentry loses stallion pacing championship to Fatchen. in Chicago. 10, Schooner Clara and 15 men lost off Liv-erpool, N. S.

rpoot, N. S. Gascogne, eight days overdue, ankes New York harbor with disabled ma-hiner; great rejolcing. 12. \$200,000 street.car barn fire at Chicago. 13. Five firemen killed, 16 hurt, at Lynn.

Mass. 19. Death of Isaac P. Gray, Minister to Mexico.....New Orleans has ten inches of

20. Death of Fred Douglass, the color orator, at Washington .... Quick sale of p

bond issue.
 28. Riot at Savannah, Ga., because of ex-Priest Stattery's lecture; troops called.
 27. 5400,000 fire at Chicago; \$1,000,000 at Halifax...Scores of mheres killed in New Mexico....Postmaster General Bissell re-

#### March.

March, 1. Mexican train wreck costs 104 lives.... Five killed, 10 hurt, by failing waits at New York. ... Rebeilion gains ground in Cuba. 2. \$1,000,000 fire in Toronto; \$350,000 at salina. Kan. 3. Chicago Times issues its last number before consolidation with the Herald.... Ter-rific snowstorm in Northwest. 4. Fifty-third Congress adjourns. 5. Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt divorced at New York.

Louisville. 10. Valkyrie fouls Defender at the stars, and wins second heat of yacht race by 47 seconds; race given to Defender on protest ...Temperature 97 degrees at Chicago. 11. Seven killed by exploding chisson at Louisville...Six killed in collision on Great

York. 6. One robber killed, one captured, and four cilizens wounded during raid on the Odelt, Iowa, bank. 8. Harry Hayward convicted of murdering Catherine Ging at Minneapolls. ...Steamer Longfellow sinks at Chechnadi; twelve drowned.

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Banish war vessel Reina Regente founders; 400 lost.
Bir men killed in New Orleans riots.
Seven Italians lynched by miners for nurder in Colorado.
Western Newspaper Union plant burns it Kansas City.... Two more Italians lynch-d in Colorado.

ed in Colorado. 16. Five killed in round-bouse fire at To-ledo; Kellagg ready-print plant at Oleveland burns; 200,000 fire at St. Louis ... Report of sinking of American schooner and crew of 16 by Spanish gunboat. 20. Mine explosion in Wyoming kills (0) miners... \$100,000 fre in Peoria, III.

## PUFFING THE PLAY.

A New York Success "-Abuse of Press Courtesy.

The United States is a broad and busy country, and it is well supplied with excollent lournals says the Forum. As is natural and unavoidable, these generally take their tone in treating dramatic affairs from those of the metropolls. What is said and done in New York about plays and actors is published all over the union as quickly as the wires and press can spread the news. Consequently the theatrical business of the entire country is managed from New York. That is why actors, managers and the minor personages of stage life flock to New York. That is why for many years past it has been possible for the wily speculator in rotten dramatic lumber to set up a flimsy stage structure, held together only by the adhesive qualities of paint and printers' ink, and-by keeping a New York theater open and empty for its exhibition for a stated term of weeks at the expense of \$3,000 or \$4,000 a week, and by a continual pestering of the good-natured journalist-to obtain a sufficient amount of notice of his

"great New York success!" to enable him to travel throughout the country with his "show," and gather a rich harvest from those who are eager to see what sort of plays please the people of the great city.

Of course the "show" soon falls to pieces from the weight of its own worthlessness, and the seeds of general contempt for New York's good taste in theatrical matters are sown broadcast. But no matter. The enterprising speculator, now well in funds, returns to New York and is soon upon the full crates.

Loniaville ... Six killed in collision on Great Northern. 12. America cup goes to Defender, Valky-rie refusing to sail....Seventy-five hurt by fall of a grand stind at Louisville. Ky. News of death of 300 by earthquake in Hon-duras...Ex-Queen Lilluokaiani pardioned by Hawailan Government. 16. Six killed in a wreck at Lynchburg. Va. 17. Atlanta Exposition opened....Phenom-enal heat in Kansas; 107 degrees. 18. Dedication of Chickamanga-Chatta-nooga National Military Park. 19. Spanish cruiser and 46 men lost in col-lision of Cuba....Steamship Edam sunk in collision; all saved....Six die of heat in Chi-ciago. tide of another like venture. Year after year this sort of thing goes on. But the people of the East. South and West are becoming wise and wary. The "business" is not so good now as it once was in those often-deluded sections. One of the roots of our theatrical troubles upon which the ax should fall quickly and sharply is this abuse of the press courtesy-first extended in good nature toward the struggling artist, but now demanded as a right by the brass-band "show boomer."

> Our hardest battles are those we fight with ourselves.

summing up the situation fliat the showing is not so bad after all, as compared with business in the city, says the Massachusetts Ploughman. Secretary Morton, in his annual report, illustrates the point by supposing a transfer of \$4,000 agriculturally invested in each" average farm of 137-acres. with stock. tools, etc., to be the choicest Wall street there is not a missing grain. ... investment. Risk that money in rail-

road first mortgage bonds, in bank stocks, or in any other alleged safe security which may be found a favorite among shylocks, brokers, plutocrats, monopolists, money-power manipulators and multi-millionaires, and if it returns 6 perscent, it is a 'remarkably profitable investment in that eyes of capitalists. Therefore, \$240 is the annual income.

Follow the transfer of the farm money with that of the farm family to urban residence. Now, with the same labor in the city or village, asks the Secretary, can they attain by hard work every day in the year, adding their wages to the \$240 income, as much of independence, wholesome living and real comfort as the same amount of money in the land and the same heads and hands working on the soil generously and healthfully bestowed upon them, in the sweet quiet of a home, amid flowers, trees, fruits and abundance, on the farm?

#### Storing Onions,

Onions, like other bulbs, can be easily preserved if kept dry, and although, if this is observed, they will stand a considerable range of temperature, it is desirable that they have a temperature of from thirty-five to forty-five degrees.

When in a damp room they start readily, especially if at high temperature. and as spring approaches the buds start even if kept comparatively cool. Care tand becomes scarcer and more valuashould be taken not to store onjons in too large bulk, and to prevent heating hedge destroys the crops for several they should be in shallow bins or in

### The Value of the Silo,

The next thing we had to learn was how to grow what was to be put into it. We had the corn in drills, using two and one-half bushels of seed to the acre and getting weakly, sickly stalks that a storm would knock flat, says the Philndelphia Ledger. This, as I have said. we at first cut green, but the second year we let it get a little more mature. and we found we had done well, as it was better. Our next lesson was that a half bushel of seed was better than the five times as much we had been using, and, with more space between in good tilth, neat improvements and

#### Keeping Cabhage.

Most people bury cabbage for winter use, says Ida Keys, in the Agriculturist, and, if properly done, it is the very best way to keep them. They are, however, not easily got at when the ground is frozen or covered with snow. part of the crop may be satisfactorily kept as follows: Trim the heads very closely, wrap in newspapers and pack in barrels. Set in a cool cellar and use is needed. They will not dry out or lecay as when placed in the cellar without protection. If this process is followed, a quantity can be taken from the ground at one time.

#### Keeping Hogs in Barnyards.

We know many farmers who make practice of wintering their hogs in the barnyard, letting them gather refuse that would otherwise be wasted. It is a good plan where the other animals are stabled and fed, so that the hogs will not annoy them by soiling their feed. If cattle are fed whole grain a few hogs will get much of their living by eating grain voided in an undigestible state. In such cases the hogs often get quite as much benefit from grain so fed as do the animals to which it is given.-American Cultivator.

#### Hedges as Crop Destroyers.

The hedge is not so popular as it used to be, and is destined to be less so as ble. Even when closely trimmed the feet on either side. In England hedges are much more common than here, but It is mainly because England lacks other fencing material. The English hedges are, however, carefully trimmed and the parts pruned off have the advantage of being worth more as kindlings for coal than the cost of the labor required to secure them.

#### Drive Good Stock.

We have for a long time judged the farmer by the horse he drives. This animal, more than all others, indicates the condition of the farm. Show us a man with a fat, sleek span of spirited animals, and we will show you a farm the rows and hills, it gave us more pro- everything wearing a prosperous look.

#### Whittler Saw Little of the World.

Whittier was the only one of the leading American authors who never crossed the Altantic. Not only did he never go to Europe, he never went south of the Poto-mae or west of the Alleghanies. When the farm at Haverhill was sold in 1836, part of the price was used to buy a small place at Amesbury, and that house was Whittier's home for more than half a century. After his return from Philadelphia in 1839 he was rarely absent from Amesbury for more than a month or two at a time, although he did once reside the better part of a year in Lowell. He made visits to Boston often and sometimes even to New York, and frequently he spent his summers elsewhere, but until his death his home was the little house at Amesbury.-Professor Brander Matthews in St. Nicho-

don't come here any more. I used to throw them bits of the cake I made, and-Young Husband-That accounts for it. London Tit-Bits.

Unkind. Young Wife-I wonder why the birds