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Byzantine Art.
Not only hundreds of admirable Syrian churches, but St. Sophia itself, had been completed before the early Christian basilica at Perigueux was begun. When we think what this must have been, with its wooden ceiling and scant, barbaric attempts at ornament, and what St. Sophia is, with the most beautiful dome that has ever been constructed and a richness of finely devised and perfectly wrought adornment that has never yet been equaled, can we marvel that any kind or degree of contact with Byzantine art deeply impressed western eyes and often guided western hands? Can we wonder that the churches of Constantinople were copied at Ravenna, or that Charlemagne copied Ravenna at Aix-la-Chapelle and sedulously encouraged the immigration of Byzantine artists? Or is it surprising that, in the tenth century, the Venetians, perpetually in commercial contact with every eastern port, imitated a Constantinopolitan church amid their own lagoons? Between the sixth and the seventh centuries western art—Romanesque art—was not even sure what it wanted to try to do, while in the sixth century eastern art—Byzantine art—had already conceived and perfected some of the most marvelous monuments of human intelligence and taste.—M. G. Van Rensselaer in Century.

The Philadelphia Record tells of a schoolteacher who was instructing a class of boys in geography. Everything went well until, in order to make the matter plainer, she took an ordinary globe and, pointing to the portion containing the United States, asked her class where she would come out if she should start from Philadelphia and go straight through the earth. She knew they would all say China, but she wanted to see which of her scholars would answer first. She waited fully a minute and no answer came. Away back in the room a grimy hand was finally held up. "Well, David," she asked, "where would I come out if I should go straight through the earth from here?" The silence was growing thicker every second. "Please, Miss Maude, you would come out of the hole," was the reply, and the class in geography was dismissed for the day.

Eczema All Her Life.

Mr. E. D. Jenkins, of Lithonia, Ga., says that his daughter, Ida, inherited a severe case of Eczema, which the usual mercury and potash remedies failed to relieve. Year by year she was treated with various medicines, external applications and internal remedies, without result. Her sufferings were intense, and her condition grew steadily worse. All the so-called blood remedies did not seem to reach the disease at all until S. S. S. was given, when an improvement was at once noticed. The medicine was continued with favorable results, and now she is cured and well. Her skin is perfectly clear and pure and she has been saved from what threatened to blight her life forever.

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JOHN R. McLEAN.
Man Who Came Near Being a Vice Presidential Candidate.
John R. McLean, who was second in the race for the Vice Presidential nomination in Chicago, is plucky in everything he undertakes. He was a baseball catcher one time, and a more determined one never faced a pitcher. Harry Wright was one of the men he caught for, and that was before the days of masks and stomach pads. After his baseball enthusiasm was partially knocked out by a foul tip, which took him to a dark room for two months to repair an impaired eye, his next ambition was to print the best newspaper in Ohio.



He inherited the Cincinnati Enquirer from his father, and while there may be some question as to the realization of his efforts he has certainly succeeded in building up an extremely influential and profitable newspaper. Then he fell a victim to the wiles of Cupid and married Miss Mary T. Beale, daughter of General Edward F. Beale, of Washington. The bride was about 25 years old at that time and the groom two years her senior. He has one of the sweetest of the swell houses in Washington, entertains handsomely and has

among his guests the biggest men of both the Republican and Democratic parties. Two or three years ago he said he would not accept any political position, but preferred the life of a private citizen. Mr. McLean is very wealthy. Some people estimate he is worth \$20,000,000. He is a large holder of real estate in Cincinnati, a heavy owner of street railway stock in Washington and the chief stockholder in the principal gas plant of that city. He is about 45 years of age, handsome, practical and far-seeing in a business sense.

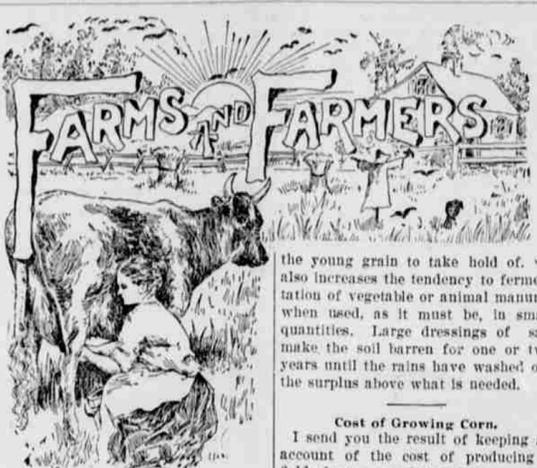
Auroras in the Arctic Regions.
The light was lessening day by day, though the beauty of this ice world did not wane. I think I never felt the strength, the glory, of silence so vividly as on the 26th of the month, standing on a rocky height above the bay. Across the heaven beautiful auroras streamed at frequent intervals in colors of faint orange, green, and blue, scarcely dimming the myriads of brilliant stars that glittered in the deep blue vault, which lightened to turquoise at the horizon. Majestic cliffs swept away across the bay, with its shadowy, greenish-blue bergs, all bunched in one shimmering veil of transparent gold from the light of the moon. In a silence that made the beating of the heart and the pulsation of the blood in the veins seem almost audible, I was suddenly attracted by a peculiar, occasional crackling sound. Presently the sound came very near, and, turning, I perceived a yellowish-white object, about three feet in length, steadily approaching. The little creature gradually circled about, until it paused about fifteen feet away. As I had remained motionless, its curiosity led it to sit down upon its haunches and deliberately stare at me. Twice it seated itself, and then, running behind a boulder, peeped over the edge, until, satisfied or alarmed, it disappeared. It was an Arctic fox.—Century.

She Respected His Dignity.
A Scotch woman was returning by a train from a market town, where she had made a few purchases. Just as the last bell rang a fussy gentleman, elegantly dressed, and with a "mind-thyself" looking face, rushed into the compartment, flung himself hastily into a corner, pulled out an evening paper and proceeded to devour its contents. Hardly had he become seated when the woman timidly addressed him: "I am very sorry, sir, but—"

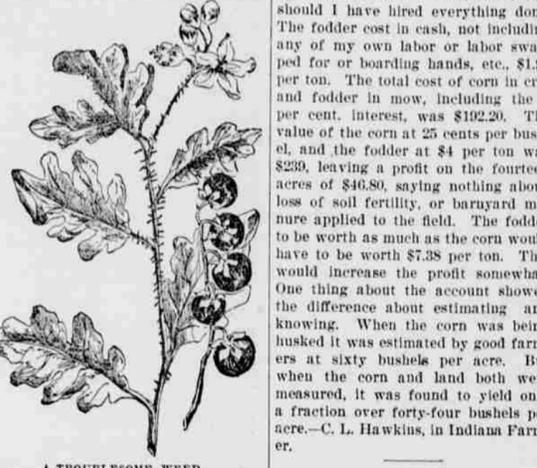
"I never listen to beggars," fiercely interrupted the gentleman. "If you annoy me further I'll report you."
The woman's eyes flashed, then twinkled. She said no more, and the old gentleman retired with an angry frown behind his paper.
All went merrily as a marriage bell until the train arrived at Cromford, when the "aunt wife," in stepping out, again addressed the churlish individual in the corner:
"I care na, sir, whether ye report me or no, but I want that pound of butter ye've been sittin' on for these last six mile."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Gant of the Sea.
A monster iceberg stranded near Hampden Beach, N. H., a few days ago, but floated away the following day. It was as big as a church, and it had a marked effect on the temperature in the vicinity.
"A woman's no means yes," said the man of 20, who naturally knows all about women. "That may be the rule," assented the married one, "but it doesn't work both ways. Unfortunately a woman's yes doesn't mean no."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Wraggles—Well, Adam was a lucky man. Barker—in what particular way? Wraggles—He didn't have to prance around the garden like a blamed idiot holding Eve on a hundred-dollar bike.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



The Horse Nettle.
This pest of many a good meadow farm is commonly found from Connecticut south to Florida and west to Texas. It is very abundant in portions of the prairie States, especially Illinois and Missouri, occurring not only in fields and along roadsides, but in the streets of cities and on vacant lots and too often in cultivated fields, where it does great injury to crops. Its common name, horse nettle, botanical Solanum Carolinense, does not indicate that this weed is closely related to the cultivated potato, but the botanical name of the genus shows close relationship.



A Troublesome Weed.
An examination of the flowers shows they much resemble those of the potato, being bluish or whitish in color. The berry, commonly called the seed, also resembles that formed on the potato. The leaves have large prickles on the midrib and some of the larger lateral ribs. They are also slightly hairy. The stem is beset with numerous stout prickles. Many of the related plants of this genus are annuals, but horse nettle is a deep-rooted perennial, its roots often extending three feet or more into the soil. This fact makes it a very tenacious weed, very difficult to exterminate. For this reason the weed grows in dense patches, which are carefully avoided by stock in pastures. I would advise plowing the land at this season, allowing none of the leaves to appear. The plants should be kept down the succeeding year. Plow the ground again next summer. Sow thickly with rye and keep watch of the nettle, allowing none to grow. Careful work for two seasons should remove it.—Farm and Home.

Growing Early Plants.
An economical mode of growing early tomatoes, melons, etc., where but a few are desired, to produce crops for home use, is to use egg shells. Break the shells near the small ends, fill with rich dirt and plant a few seeds of the kind desired. The shells may be set in a shallow pan or box of bran and placed in the sunlight on warm days, care being taken not to expose them to cold at night. When transplanting simply set the shell with the plant in the ground. The roots of the plant will soon break through the shell.

For Hanging Milk in Wells.
Where ice is not at hand, the custom of hanging milk cans in the well, for coolness, is often practiced. The illustration shows a device for holding four cans securely within the well, with a chance to draw up water between the cans, the curved iron rods affording this chance. If the well is not large enough for a square frame, a stout hoop can be used, thus economizing space. It is surprising how nicely milk and many other articles can thus be kept in a deep well, even in extraordinarily hot weather. It is equally surprising how many families fail to use this simple device, which is so easily made and so very convenient.

Fall Fresh Cows.
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