

ADOPTS AMERICAN MODES.

Wife of New Japanese Minister Has Discarded Native Dress.
Among the recent additions to diplomatic circles in Washington are Minister Hoshi of Japan and his wife. Mme. Hoshi is about 33 years of age and of the most pleasing personal appearance. She is short, probably 4 feet 10 inches in height. Her dark hair is very abundant, her large brown eyes are soft, yet bright, and her complexion is clear and rosy. In dress, her costume is that of the American woman, yet as she has only recently laid aside her native gowns, her wardrobe of western robes is limited. She has placed herself in the hands of a tutor, in order to master the intricacies of the English language, and by next winter will no doubt be able to preside at a tea in the most approved style.



JAPANESE MINISTER AND FAMILY.

as far as conversational ability is concerned.

Mme. Hoshi has been married ten years, but there is only one child in the family, a boy of 6 years of age. His name is Hoshi Kikaru, and he is a bright little fellow, wandering about the house in evident loneliness for his many playmates in the East. The wife of the minister is a fine musician and devotes much of her time to that art.

The White House Kindergarten.

The little Wallace children, the grandchildren of Chief Justice Fuller, the little daughter of General and Mrs. Draper and the children of Private Secretary and Mrs. Thurber are among the pupils of the kindergarten that is situated in the nursery at the White House. The children are put behind the bars of the little cribs when there is laziness or disobedience, and a final humiliation for extreme cases is a stool and dunce cap in the corner. The little outsiders who are so favored get all these advantages for \$6 or \$8 a month. So the whole burden of expense does not fall upon the family in the White House.

A Slight Difference.

"As I understand it, doctor, if I believe I'm well, I'll be well. Is that the idea?"

"It is."

"Then, if you believe you're paid, I suppose you'll be paid."

"Not necessarily."

"But why shouldn't faith work as well in one case as in the other?"

"Well, you see, there is considerable difference between having faith in the Almighty and having faith in you."

A Roetgen ray apparatus has been established in a Pittsburg hospital as a part of the regular equipment.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

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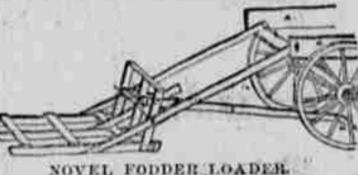
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Loading Fodder Made Easy.

Low wagons are a great convenience, greatly lessening labor in filling silos, hauling fodder, manure, etc. A number of low frames to be attached to ordinary wagons have been illustrated in these columns during the past year. F. N. Buckingham, of Iowa, describes in American Agriculturist the fodder loader shown. It has been used in Iowa with very satisfactory results. The timbers a are the hayrack supports on a wagon high or low. The loader is attached at b, by means of a long bolt; c is a 2x4 which extends under the wagon and has a sharp iron point at d; e is attached to the loader at e e e by means of a long bolt forming a hinge joint. The shock is laid crosswise, and no matter how large the shock, when the team starts, the iron



NOVEL FODDER LOADER.

point d catches in the ground and throws the loader up over the wagon, dropping the fodder on the rack. Two or three shocks can be put on at once. The loader is left on the field. Make of material sufficiently strong to hold the number of shocks put on each time.

Clip the Queen's Wings.

From long experience in managing a apiary, we have come to the conclusion that clipping the queen's wings is a decided advantage. No swarms will then escape to the woods. The owner can go from home, attend church, without having his mind disturbed with thoughts of losing swarms in his absence. It is better to do this than run the risk of losing excellent queens and swarms. The bees will never leave for good if the queen does not accompany them. This, of course, has reference to first swarms, as second swarms may issue at any time, with a young queen fully fledged, like Minerva from the head of Jove, ready for flight and legitimate business. These latter can also be prevented by opening the hives after they have cast swarms, examining carefully the combs and cutting out all queen cells, but one in each hive. If this is done no second swarm will issue.—Colman's World.

Floating Fence.

An excellent water fence is shown herewith. Some short cross logs support one, two or more lengths of stout rails that form the bottom of the fence. Holes are bored in these, in which up-



SECURE FLOATING FENCE.

right stakes are driven to support the upper rail. The lengths of fence are chained together. The outer log is anchored up-stream and down-stream with sufficient length of chain to permit the rising and falling of the fence. This plan is splendid for tide water rivers, and good wherever the rise is not likely to be so sudden as to wash it away.

Do Away with the Swill Barrel.

Because a hog will eat anything is no reason why it should be either offered or allowed to eat decayed, odorous and unclean food. It is expected that ultimately the hog will be eaten by ourselves or some one who would like to be as squeamish about taking anything that is unclean into their systems. There ought to be no such thing as a swill barrel, holding for weeks and even months a compound of sour milk, dish washings and other refuse from the kitchen or table. There is no reason why the daily product of swill should not be eaten as soon as made. Every day's neglect to dispose of it lessens its value, besides the danger which every neglected swill barrel is to the health of all in the house, or even in the neighborhood.

System on the Farm.

In every department of labor the essential to success is a systematic method. System is especially needed in farm work, because thrift of so many living things is in the power of the farmer. There should be a regular hour for feeding stock. Animals soon learn the hour for their meals when given regularly, and are impatient of delay. Bawling, bleating or squealing for an hour before each meal does not hasten the development of fat in calves, lambs or pigs. At other times the food is given too soon, the animal not being hungry and not prepared to make the

best use of it. There should be a certain hour at which to begin feeding in the morning and a time at which to quit feeding at night, or rather evening, for we don't believe in feeding after dark except in the shortest December days. The farmer who feeds his stock by lantern light during spring and fall months will be apt to get crops in late and pick corn till holidays. The family meals should not vary ten minutes from the specified time, neither should the men ever keep meals waiting. Children should be off to school on time, neither too late or too early. They will be more apt to have their lessons on time if everything is regular at home. The work is so much easier to do when every one knows his time and place; life is pleasanter and happy times come oftener. System preserves health, for we know that worry kills more persons than disease.

Poultry Pointers.

Buckwheat is fattening; when fed sparingly is egg producing. Sell the culls as soon as possible, in order to save feed and give more room. Do not set the drinking vessels too low; if you do, the fowls will scratch dirt into them.

Let the nests be in a dark place. The hens like it better, and are less liable to acquire the habit of egg eating.

Fowls left to select their food, doubtless would take seeds, insects and grass. We should come as near as possible supplying these preferences.

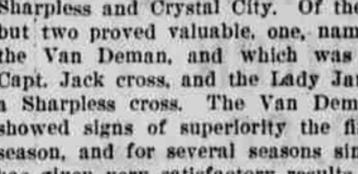
If your hens lay soft shelled eggs it is because there is not enough lime in their food. Feed them grit—gravel, oyster shell, plaster or ground bone.

There is considerable difference between selling eggs for 10 cents and 25 or 30 cents a dozen, consequently it will pay to pack them in salt. Salt is cheap, and packing eggs in it does not destroy them.

Captain Heaton, the well-known English game fowl enthusiast, once paid \$500 for a black-red game cockerel, and the results proved the purchase to have been one of the best investments he ever made. The bird formed the foundation of his now famous flock.

The Van Deman Strawberry.

Some years ago an enthusiastic strawberry grower, realizing that a new strawberry was needed to take the place of the Wilson and Downing as a fertilizer and at the same time prove a healthy, productive, firm market berry, sowed a lot of Crescent seed crossed by Captain Jack, well-tested berry. Sharpless and Crystal City. Of these but two proved valuable, one, named the Van Deman, and which was a Capt. Jack cross, and the Lady Jane, a Sharpless cross. The Van Deman showed signs of superiority the first season, and for several seasons since has given very satisfactory results in many extensive commercial berry fields. It has been tested in twenty-seven States and with generally favorable results.—Farm and Home.



Horticultural Hints.

Fresh lime for snails. The nicer the appearance of fruit the better the price.

If plums are to be shipped long distances forward by express.

Apples are selling in the State of New York at 60 cents per barrel.

The first year after the tree is planted is the time to prune and shape the tree.

How much did the garden contribute to the support of the family this summer?

Don't haul your fruit to market in a lumber wagon, but use a strong spring wagon with a large platform. It saves your fruit from mashing.

If you mix windfalls with picked fruit they will detract from the fine qualities of your fruit, from the prices and worst of all, from the excellence of your reputation. Keep them separate.

If the ants are cutting the leaves off your fruit trees fasten a wisp of loose cotton around the stem of the tree between ground and the first branch; the ants tangle in this and can't climb over it.

In packing fruit for shipment no purpose is served by ventilation other than the escape of moisture. The contact of fresh air hastens decay. Have the package on the outside as dry as possible.

Just after the gathering of fall apples prices are usually low; better profit would be obtained if they could be held until the early winter months. Let them be sorted and stored in a perfectly dry room, with a very low temperature.

Queerly Worded.

The following piece of English composition is vouched for by the Christian Register, the signature alone being changed. It was copied from a notice posted on a Massachusetts building:

NOTE. Tenants should be careful not to throw cigars or lighted matches about. Otherwise, they may set fire to the building, and oblige

JOHN SMITH, Proprietor.

OREGON'S METROPOLIS.

Portland's Industrial Exposition and Some of Her Thriving Institutions.

Special Correspondence.
Portland, Or., Oct. 7.—Say, do you know that this is a pretty good kind of a town? The people are more sociable than one would think. Several very nicely dressed ladies, and with their faces done up in paint and powder, have invited me to come right to their houses, and me never having been introduced to them at all. I call that real sociable, I do.

Out at the Exposition, where I was a total stranger, one lady I never saw before introduced herself to me, and asked me to her house, saying she had several very attractive girls. Of course I had to go, and what do you think I done? You see, I had to shave myself.

I got a flexible razor strop, canvass one side, leather the other, from Woodward, Clarke & Co., Fourth and Washington. They mail these elegant strops to any address for thirty cents.

Saturday night was Rodmen's night at the Exposition; and, judging from the number of 'em there, it looked as if there were no pale faces in Portland. These make-believe Injuns had wigwams, tomahawks, and pipes of peace galore. One thing that most pleased me was that I find they pay pretty good sick benefits, and also they make Mark Twain's saying good; that the good Injun is the dead Injun; for as soon as you're dead your squaw gets some thousands of dollars.

"All carpets fade. Some people say they won't, but we know they will." What do you think of a sign like that? I was surprised to see it in the largest carpet and furniture house west of Chicago, the H. C. Breeden Company.

This house has four doors 100x100 crowded with all classes of furniture from plainest cottage to superb hand-carved mahoganies. I was afraid to ask prices as I looked through the wonderful establishment. My friend was not so careful, and we found that prices here were cheaper than anywhere in Portland. That comes from trading with factories in trailload lots. Portland is justly proud of the great H. C. Breeden establishment.

Mayor Penney and Harvey Scott are having it hot over the fire department; and Harvey, he has the grumbling; so it looks just like each one would have his own turn—the mayor with the department, and Harvey with his grumbling. It ain't for me to say a word one way nor tother, but I think when Harvey's done with Sylvester, and the mayor is through with the editor, that they'll kiss and make up. Both are pioneers, and that makes Oregon aristocracy.

Somehow I feel as if we deserved no manufactures here. Our people seem to prefer Eastern or foreign goods. Look at Golden West Baking Powder, an article that is surpassed by none, which has been used by me for five years with entire satisfaction. It is made here by men of character; yet how many of us use Eastern goods without a thought that money spent at home for home goods stays with us. This same house—Closet & Devers—has an exhibit of a P. P. C. coffee roaster, patented only last April. The machine roasts 160 pounds of coffee in from 9 to 13 minutes, as against 45 with the old method. The long, simmering of the coffee over an intensely hot fire destroyed all the fine aroma, and virtually killed the coffee. By the new and short method the coffee falls through a flame, at the rate of 40 times to the minute. The flame, being in the cylinder with the coffee, the intense heat directly applied, draws the oil which is near the surface of the coffee out and seals the berry so that, as the roasting continues, none of the aroma escapes.

This is a campaign of education. On the corner of Third and Washington, there are daily, and all-day, from one to three crowds discussing the money question. You never hear a word on tariff—thank God! Free silver is all one hears. It's lively bouts they do be having, too. I can tell you that. Of course, I don't pretend to know which side is right but I do know that the plain folks like me seem to know "statistics" on either side better than I ever knew since I studied Rule Three.

The law and the medical schools all opened last week. I went to both debuts. Science is making great headway. I feel like my grandmother after three days in a big city. She heard a freethinker lecture, and there was no hell; and then she heard a dress reformer lecture, and there was the "union" garment; so, when the dear old soul came back to the ranch, she said she guessed she'd enough of city life—first, there was no hell, and then there was no "chimmie," and that made life not worth living.

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Matrimonial Wager.
Perry, O. T., Oct. 7.—The election will decide whether Miss Alice Younger and T. J. Stahton, of this city, will become husband and wife. Miss Younger wagers that if Bryan is elected she will wed Stanton, and if McKinley is elected she will not.

Havana, Oct. 6.—The local guerilla force at San Nicholas has killed the important insurgent leader known as Inglesite, whose name was Alfred Gold. His body has been identified. One of the insurgent captains was also killed.

Murdered and Robbed.

Ben Franklin, Tex., Oct. 7.—D. Knowles, an old citizen, and his married daughter were assaulted at their home, seven miles south of this place, last night with an ax by unknown persons. Robbery was the object of the assassins. Knowles died today, but his daughter may recover.

The oldest national flag in the world is that of Denmark, which has been used since the year 1219.

A SINGULAR FORM OF MONGOLIANIA.

There is a class of people, rational enough in other respects, who are certainly innocuous in doing themselves. They are constantly trying experiments upon their stomachs, their bowels, their livers and their kidneys, with trashy nostrums. When these errors are really out of order, if they would only use Hood's Sarsaparilla, their would, if not hopelessly insane, perceive its opportunity.

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