

Discouraged and Downcast.

A Well Known Yolo County, California, Druggist, Pines for the Nirvana. He Finds a More Pleasant Remedy for His Ills Than Buddha's Panacea.

From the Mail, Woodland, Cal.

There is probably no man in Yolo county better known than William R. Pond, formerly of the drug firm of Pond & Lawson, of Woodland, Cal. For five years Mr. Pond was a terrible sufferer from nervous prostration, and at and during these attacks, pined for "sleep that knows no waking."

Physicians were powerless to aid him, and he was becoming rapidly worn out, when an old friend, a Mr. Hendrickson, of San Francisco, recommended him to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. In much the same way that a drowning man grasps at whatever comes his way, Mr. Pond clutched at the idea of Pink Pills, and they cured him, on his following the printed directions. Mr. Pond is chairman of the Republican county central committee, and is never tired of singing the praises of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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Alligator's tail is eaten in Florida, sometimes and is said to taste like codfish.

Philadelphia consumed 1,996,734 barrels of beer in 1896, an increase of 117,680 over 1895.

The United States consumed last year more than 4,000,000 bunches of Jamaica bananas.

It is estimated that 2,000,000 tons of pure silver are held in solution by all the waters of the earth.

Marseilles had a riot in the Grand theatre the other day because a number of women refused to take off their big hats.

The new organ of the Church of St. Ignatius, San Francisco, weighs 100,000 pounds, and has more than 5,000 pipes.

An immense deposit of sulphur has been discovered in the Cascade mountains, close to the Northern Pacific railway.

In Norway girls are ineligible for matrimony until they have earned certificates for proficiency in knitting and spinning.

According to the deductions of a well known astronomer, we receive as much light from the sun as could be emitted by 680,000 full moons.

Two patents have recently been granted to "George Washington," of Brussels, Belgium, for a system of lighting with incandescent burners.

England has one member of Parliament to every 10,250 electors, Ireland one for every 7,177, Scotland one for every 8,974 and Wales one for every 9,613.

Insects are for their size the strongest members of the animal creation. Many beetles can lift a weight equal to more than 50 times the weight of their own bodies.

Absolutely pure alcohol, a compound of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, can now be produced at greatly reduced cost by oxidizing the hydrocarbon acetylene.

Herr Krupp, the gun manufacturer, has dismissed all foreign workmen and officials from his employ, on the ground of betrayal of secrets to foreign governments.

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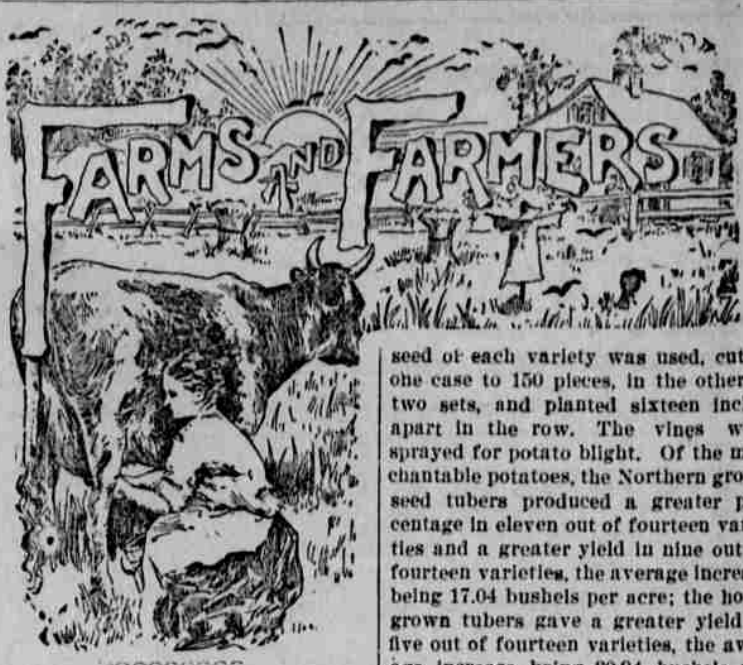
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Brooding Small Chicks.

As a substitute for expensive brooders, this device illustrated in Farm and Home, will make a good home for early hatched chicks. It is 2 1/2 feet square and about the same height in front, while behind it is enough shorter to give the shed roof a nice pitch. Nearly the entire front is glass, beneath which is a place for chicks to pass in and out. This can be closed when desired by a slide door as shown in the illustration. A curtain is let down over the sash during the night and rolled up out of the way in the day time. It is warmed by a common barn lantern which is held in position by a square box, which extends through the roof, and also serves as a ventilator. The cap of the ventilator is adjustable, permitting the lantern to be taken out and put in at pleasure. The ventilator is perforated at the base to permit the heat to radiate through the room, and also near the



A HOME-MADE BROODER.

top to allow the gases from the burning oil to escape. The entire bottom is arranged to slide in and out as a drawer, so it may be taken out and cleaned, which should be done every day. It costs but a dollar or so, according to material used.

The Corn Crop.

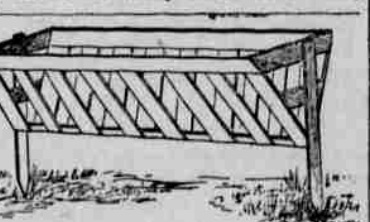
Mr. J. J. Chandler, of Solomon, Iowa, raised four thousand bushels of corn last season, and, after disposing of it, found it had netted him fifty-three and three-quarters cents per bushel. Where did he sell it? He did not sell it. He fed it to cattle. His account stands: Sept. 1, 1896, 101 head of cattle cost in Omaha.....\$3,067 00 Cost of driving same home..... 9 85 Interest on money..... 71 47 Total.....\$3,748 92 Dec. 22, 1896, sold 101 cattle in Chicago, net.....\$6,147 57

Balance.....\$2,398 65 Amount of corn fed, four thousand bushels; net per bushel, fifty-three and three-quarters cents.

How much better than selling his corn crop for what he could get for it. And the \$2,398.65 does not represent the entire net profit. Hogs were fattened with the cattle and brought in additional dollars, and the manure from the herd for the four months they were fattening is also worth a good many dollars to Mr. Chandler's farm. It is brains that count on the farm.—Farm News.

Movable Feed Rack.

A sketch in the American Agriculturist shows an easily made feed rack.



FEED RACK FOR LAMBS AND CALVES.

that can be moved from place to place, with the work of but a moment. The construction is plainly shown in the illustration, nothing but narrow strips of board being used in any part. The uprights at the ends are nailed firmly to the rack and have the lower ends sharpened, so that they can be driven into the ground wherever it is desired to set up the rack.

Famp Weather and Roup.

There is more roup in the spring months than in winter, due to spring rains and dampness. While the drafts of air in the poultry house may not be cold, yet they are damp and chilly, rendering the fowls very uncomfortable. It is at night that fowls seem to take disease. During the day they are active and at work, but at night they cannot change their positions on the roost and are consequently helpless to avoid damp drafts of air. The longer days and warmth at midday induce the fowls to remain outside during the spring season, and they consequently do not always resort to shelter in damp spells. It is then that they are frequently attacked by roup. A little extra attention until dry weather sets in will greatly aid in preventing roup and the liability to disease.

Seed Potatoes.

At the Rhode Island Station fourteen varieties of potatoes of Maine grown and home grown seed were tested during two years on sandy loam soil manured with commercial fertilizers applied on a clover sod. Ten pounds of

seed of each variety was used, cut in one case to 150 pieces, in the other to two sets, and planted sixteen inches apart in the row. The vines were sprayed for potato blight. Of the merchantable potatoes, the Northern grown seed tubers produced a greater percentage in eleven out of fourteen varieties and a greater yield in nine out of fourteen varieties, the average increase being 17.04 bushels per acre; the home grown tubers gave a greater yield in five out of fourteen varieties, the average increase being 20.94 bushels per acre.

Clover Needs Underdrained Land.

While the country is new clover seed with a little land plaster is sufficient usually to insure a good catch. What is quite as important, the clover grows and makes a good stand, living until it has produced a seed crop, when as clover is biennial it naturally dies. But as the country gets older and its vegetable matter is exhausted by continued cultivation the clover crop becomes more and more uncertain. It is hard to get a good catch, and even when the seedling is all right the clover winter kills badly. Wherever this is the fact it shows that underdraining is needed. Whoever has underdrained a field knows how much more certain the clover seedling and growth is thereafter. With an outlet below for water, and warm air constantly rising from the subsoil, it is easy to make a good seed bed for clover seed and get a good catch. The same conditions also prevent the clover seed and get a good catch. The same conditions also prevent the clover from being winter killed by freezing and thawing in winter and spring.

How to Graft.

Prepare yourself with a sharp knife, a small wedge, a saw, a ladder, clons and wax. Clons will keep best on trees. Cut as wanted until the buds begin to start, then cut, store in cellar covered with damp moss. You are now prepared to graft until apples set. Graft cherries very early, splitting limb. All limbs must be split before sap starts. After the bark peels, all thick-barked limbs should be set under the bark. Cut tree shape of umbrella, not too far in or out; give room for grafts to grow. Cut clon to a thin one-sided wedge; be careful and take the outer bark off from point, then insert, by peeling bark from wood with point of knife; cut side to heart, two or more in each limb; nick bark back of clon if very thick; spread wax on all cuts and a little down the limb back of clon. When limb is split make a true wedge by cutting both sides, leaving side next to heart thinnest. Have three buds to every clon. Trim the sides of the split smoothly, insert, keep inside bark even. Put on wax and it is done.—Western Rural.

Plantain Weed Seed.

When buying clover seed it is always best to use a microscope to detect weed seeds that of late years have become very plentiful in clover. No one of these weeds is worse than the plantain, or sheep's tongue, as it used to be called from its long, narrow leaves. It has innumerable small, black seeds, much smaller than clover seed. When land is once seeded with the plantain it is almost impossible to get rid of it, as the seed remains in the ground for years only germinating when the plow brings successive strata of seed filled soil to the surface. Both sheep and cattle will eat plantain, though it is less nutritious and palatable than other grasses, and of course much inferior to clover.

Feeds in Apples.

There is great variation in number and size of apple seeds, even in fruit of the same variety. While the small natural fruit has usually the most vigorous seeds, this fact is often due to such trees being isolated, and having larger supplies of potash and other mineral elements than do trees in the orchard. It is known that potash is necessary to grow the seed. It is possible that the liberal use of potash, as a fertilizer, may make fruit seeds plumper and perhaps more numerous. This would only be an advantage to those who wished to plant the seed. In the fruit the seed and its attendant, the core, is commonly thought a necessary nuisance.

Frequent Churning Best.

It is harder work to make the best butter from a one-cow dairy, especially late in the season, when the milk seasons. The best butter is made with least expense when the dairy is large enough to require churning every day. This makes a great deal of hard work, unless it impels the dairyman to provide power of some kind, so as to relieve the hard labor. This it generally does. Whenever the dairy is large enough to require churning every day, a creamery or a separator will pay not only by the saving of labor, but by making more of the cream than is possible by the old process of hand skimming the milk.

Apropos of the gossip about Queen Victoria's ill health, Elwin Barron repeats in the Chicago Times-Herald the rumor that the Prince of Wales will never ascend the British throne. Albert Edward lacks ambition and energy, and many think he has by the conduct of his life forfeited the right to succeed a sovereign of such noble character as Victoria. On the other hand, the Duke of York is very popular, and it is predicted that Victoria will abdicate this year and he will become King George the Fifth of England.

FLASHES FUN.

He—Her hair is like sunshine! She—Ye-es; it's brighter some days than others.—Puck.

She—I can sympathize with you. I was married once myself. He—But you weren't married to a woman.—Tid-Bits.

She (coming up suddenly)—Where did that wave go? He (coughing and strangling)—I swallowed it.—Dublin World.

Mellicent—Aren't bicycle lamps annoying? Miriam (vexatiously)—Yes; mine goes out every time I run into anybody!—Puck.

Dora—He said there was one thing about me he didn't like. Corn—What was that? Dora—Another man's arm.—Detroit Free Press.

Nevada Justice (solemnly)—I now pronounce you husband and wife—shake hands—take your corners—and may the best man win!—Puck.

"Now, they speak of her as an up-to-date girl. What do you understand by that?" "My boy, a girl that is up to date is up to anything."—Puck.

Film—I see where Boston is going to spend over \$1,000,000 on those pneumatic tubes. Flam—That's a lot of money to blow in.—Boston Post.

"The world owes every man a living." "Yes, and we don't get it collected until we have almost learned to do without it."—Chicago Record.

"Would you consider it proper to precede the father of your sweetheart down stairs?" "It may be proper, but it isn't always safe."—Yale Record.

"So, Dorothy is not going to marry Mr. Strymer?" "No; she kept talking to him about books he hadn't read, and he got irritated and broke the engagement."—Puck.

The Footpad—Only a dollar and a quarter? Come, where's the rest of your money? Mr. Isaacs—Meln trend, it's in real estate undt it's in my wife's name!—Puck.

"There are six necessities, you know, for a happy marriage." "What are they?" "First, a good husband." "And the others?" "The other five are money."—La Caricature.

"Do you think, Harry, you could induce one or two boys to come to Sunday school?" "I could bring one," he replied; "the other fellows in our alley kin lick me."—Dublin World.

"How is it that Wilson comes to the club every night now? It used to be that we couldn't get him here once a month." "Oh, he married last fall and settled down."—Detroit Free Press.

"Theaters ought to be seated with the women all on one side, and the men on the other." "Why?" "So that when men go out between the acts they can tramp on each other's toes."—Detroit Free Press.

Wiggs—The doctor told Brown's wife to give him whisky if he had another attack of the fever and ague. Wiggs—Has he had a relapse? Wiggs—Well, he's been shaking for the drinks all the afternoon.—Evening Journal.

"Your wife has such a liquid voice," said Mr. Fosdick to Mr. Tiff. "Yes, that's a pretty good name for it," replied Mr. Tiff. Mr. Fosdick looked up inquiringly, and Mr. Tiff added: "It never dries up, you know."—Harper's Bazar.

Artie—Darling, you have no idea how anxious I was while you were coming down the rope ladder. I was so afraid you had not fastened it securely above. Susie—You needn't have been alarmed, dear. Papa tied the knot for me.—Detroit Free Press.

Walker Home—I think I will get a job wild one o' dese concerns what makes amat'ur photygraf outfits. Odorous Oliver—What? An' go to work? Walker Home—Work? Naw! All I'll have to tackle will be to 'do de rest,' an' dat will jus' suit me.—Detroit Free Press.

Triumphs in Surgery.

Cleansing of the wound itself was almost a surgical heresy a few years ago. Foul bandages were the rule, and the thicker and more abundant the discharges the more "laudable" they were considered to be. Hence in the older works on surgery the so-called "laudable" pus was as much a sign of safety as it is now of danger. Cleanliness of instruments, now a prime consideration, was then entirely ignored. Oftentimes the same instruments would be used at different times upon the dead as well as the living body, and a celebrated operator of that day was accustomed to hold his knife between his teeth when his hands were temporarily employed in the wound. If a cut healed rapidly it was a rarity sufficiently great to court fact. The former result was rather an accident of cleanliness than the deliberate acknowledgment of what should have been the rule. Consequently the most careful surgeons—those who possessed instinctive habits of neatness and cleanliness—were the most successful.

The Probability.

"Does your wife worry about burglars?" "Not much," answered Mr. Meekton. "I wonder what she'd say if she found one in the house?" "I don't know. But I have an idea that she'd ask him how he dared come into the house without wiping his shoes on the mat!"—Washington Star.

A Hopeful Circumstance.

"I think," said young Mrs. Tokins, "that we will like the new servant better than we did the other." "For what reason?" inquired the husband. "She carries a smaller basket to and from her home."—Washington Star.

PLAYIN' POSSUM.

"Playin' possum" comes from the fact that the possum will feign sleep or death when pushed into sudden danger of being captured. But pains and aches never play that kind of a game. They never try to fool anybody, and go to work to wake up people, leaving no chance to feign sleep. On the other hand, there is a remedy known as St. Jacobs Oil that will lull a pain or an ache so that it won't wake up again in the cure that follows its use. Pains and aches are great or less in intensity just in degree as we treat them. Prompt treatment with the best remedy—St. Jacobs Oil—prevents their increase and by curing prevents their return. Everything is gained by taking pains and aches in time for a prompt and permanent cure, and there is nothing better than the use of St. Jacobs Oil.

Owing to the unusual snowfall in Switzerland the chamois have become so tame in some places that they visit the stables in search of food.

AN APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE.

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The craze for things Scottish has invaded Africa. The sultan of Morocco has engaged a "braw Hielandman" to play the bagpipes at his court.

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