

LADIES' BRASS BAND OF OREGON WHOSE PLAYING IS FAMOUS



Heppner, Oregon, has a unique novelty in the character of a ladies' brass band, made up of the maids and matrons of the most prominent families in the town...

UNCLE SAM'S FISH COMMISSION

Important Branch of the Government of Which the Public Knows Little.

The work of the United States Fish Commission is perhaps as little understood by the people of the country generally as any branch of the government.

The ponds for fish culture at Washington are not far from the Washington monument on the mall, and they are one of its most attractive features.

Duck Farming in Virginia.

One of the largest and decidedly the best equipped duck farms in the United States is located at Riverton, Warren County, on the Southern Railway.

Girl Who Shams Religion.

Ruth Ashmore, writing of the "Shams of the Modern Girl," in the Ladies' Home Journal, and of "the sham that is worse than all others—the religious sham," says: "She is the one who is most conspicuous in speech and sometimes in work; but in her heart her religion is simply a means to a very earthly end."



THE PONDS FOR FISH CULTURE AT WASHINGTON.

The matter of a national fish commission was brought to the attention of Congress and the President many times before anything was done about it, but in February, 1871, Congress passed a joint resolution which authorized the appointment of a commission of fish and fisheries.

The headquarters of the commission is at Washington; it occupies the old ante-bellum arsenal in that part of the mall which is designated as Army square and is a plain tall brick building without a suggestion of exterior ornamentation.

Among the superstitions of the Seneca Indians was one most beautiful one: When a young maiden died they imprisoned a young bird until it first began to try its powers of song; and then, loading it with caresses and messages, they loosed its bonds over her grave, in the belief that it would fold its wing nor close its eye until it had flown to the spirit-land and delivered its precious burden of affection to the loved and lost one.—St. Nicholas.

Women may supersede men in many pursuits, but the field in which a brindle cow grazes is barred to the female in red.

A SENSATION.

That the world is coming to an end suddenly at a given time is not what is referred to. There are different kinds of sensations, as very many people know who feel sharp twinges of pain in the big nerve of the thigh.

The Indian government has formulated an important scheme for the sanitary reformation of Bombay City. The control of government and municipal lands will be vested in a nominated body, which will be empowered to lay new streets through crowded localities and to erect dwellings at low rents for the poor.

SLAIN BY POISON.

Not the poison that the covert assassin administers in the drink, the food, or some other guise, but the poison of malaria, shortens the lives of many.

A Minneapolis genealogist reckons up four billions of persons between William the Conqueror and one of his descendants now living.

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Economy: save 10 cents on a package of "cheap" baking powder and eat the cake. You couldn't do better—for your doctor.

Schilling's Best money-back baking powder is at your grocer's.

A daguerotype of Louis Philippe, taken in 1840 by Daguerre himself, has been presented to the Camaveat museum in Paris.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS. We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark.

A St. Louis paper is marvelling over the case of a septuagenarian whose white hair turned black in a single night recently.

HOME PRODUCTS AND PURE FOOD. All Eastern Syrup, so-called, usually very light colored and of heavy body, is made from glucose.

It is said that the flesh on the fore-quarters of the beaver resembles that of land animals, while that on the hind-quarters has a fishy taste.

"King Solomon's Treasure," only Aphrodisiac Tonic known. (See Dictionary.) \$3.00 a box, 2 weeks' treatment. Mason Chemical Co., P. O. Box 76, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Ancient" coins, many of which antedate the Christian era, are made in large quantities in London, and find sale all over the world.

I believe Pilo's Cure is the only medicine that will cure consumption.—Anna M. Ross, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 12, '96.

Try Schilling's Best tea and baking powder.

WHY SO MANY REGULAR PHYSICIANS FAIL

To Cure Female Ills—Some True Reasons Why Mrs. Pinkham is More Successful Than the Family Doctors.

A woman is sick; some disease peculiar to her sex is fast developing in her system. She goes to her family physician and tells him a story, but not the whole story.

She holds something back, loses her head, becomes agitated, forgets what she wants to say, and finally conceals what she ought to have told, and thus completely mystifies the doctor.

Is it any wonder, therefore, that the doctor fails to cure the disease? Still, we cannot blame the woman, for it is very embarrassing to detail some of the symptoms of her suffering, even to her family physician.

It was for this reason that years ago Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., determined to step in and help her sex. Having had considerable experience in treating female ills with her Vegetable Compound, she encouraged the women of America to write to her for advice in regard to their complaints, and, being a woman, it was easy for her ailing sisters to pour into her ears every detail of their suffering.

There are 71,000 more women than men in the state of Massachusetts, and this excess is all in persons over 14.

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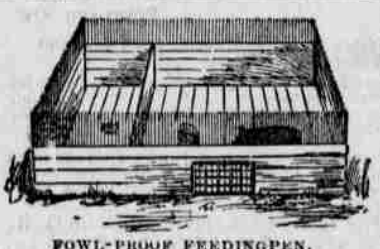
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Feeding Pen for Hogs.

Where hogs are fed near the house or barn, the fowls are apt to go among them and eat a large portion of the feed.

Build a feeding floor several inches above the surface of the ground and inclose with a tight board fence surmounted with pickets a foot or more long.



FOWL-PROOF FEEDING PEN.

er straps or hinges that work easily will answer. The hogs will soon learn to go back and forth, but fowls will not enter.

A Good Old Rotation.

The six-year rotation so long followed in this section, the Shenandoah Valley, has some strong points in its favor.

I have not counted the second crop of clover usually cut and hulled for seed the first season. Since Western seed generally can be bought at low prices, many think it better to pasture, or cut this second clover for cows.

New Destroyer of Fruit.

Re-enforcements to the seventeen-year locusts, the gypsy moth, the brown-tail moth and all the rest of the busy army of fruit destroyers are to be found in vast quantities in the "San Jose scales."

THE SAN JOSE SCALE from the locality to which it confines its depredations, but to the one in which it first appeared. Since it made its debut in California it has shown an impartial fondness for every part of the Union.

All trees that have roots or tops bruised or mangled should be discarded.

In setting out a tree, save some of the top soil, especially to put around the roots.

Government Seed Shop. Last spring the Department of Agriculture distributed, at a cost of \$130,000, enough seeds of all kinds to plant an area of 355 square miles, or 227,200 acres.

Fall Set Posts. It is not generally considered a good time to set posts in the fall. No matter how well the soil is compacted and them, rains will sink down in

the soil that has lately been disturbed. The winter frosts will also penetrate more deeply, and in a winter when there is much freezing and thawing will gradually lift the post up.

Milk as Food on the Farm.

To every city resident one of the advantages of living in the country is that those living there can easily secure fresh and pure milk directly from the cow.

Turnips Among Corn.

There is no crop grown so easily and with so little cost as late-sown turnips in a field of well cultivated corn.

A Milk Strainer.



One correspondent of the American Agriculturist seems to think that a wire screen in a milk strainer is not desirable, while another asserts that if rightly placed it will be found entirely satisfactory.

Orchard and Garden.

Fruit trees or plants will not take care of themselves. Grapes thrive best in well-cultivated and well-drained land.

Cherry trees must be grafted early if good results are expected.

Choose young, thrifty trees, with good roots and straight, clean tops.

All trees that have roots or tops bruised or mangled should be discarded.

It is not a bad plan to plant trees along the roadside the whole length of the farm.

Nectarines and apricots can be grown anywhere that the peach or prune will thrive well.

Mulching prevents the early flow of sap by preventing the ground from warming up too soon.

Agricultural Notes.

Keep the wagon well greased. Grain feeding of cows in summer helps the fertility of the soil.

Remember that you were once a boy yourself, unless you are a woman.

Fresh top-dressing of pastures is an insult to stock if it is turned on them.

A new variety not suitable to your soil and climate is worse than an old, inferior variety that is.

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