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Do not experiment with untried preparations. Be satisfied only with the greatest and best, Hood's Sarsaparilla. It has cured multitudes of people and is kept on hand in thousands of homes as the only safe and reliable family medicine. It will defend you from the dangers of summer.

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Is America's Greatest Medicine. 41; six for 45.
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Folding Megaphone.

The megaphone has come into almost universal use at athletic and aquatic races and contests because it enables the judges and other officers to make announcements that can be heard all over the field. Its adoption has been somewhat hampered by the size of the instrument, which is too bulky to be conveniently transported, but this has been overcome by making them collapsible like the drinking cup made for travelers and picnickers. The folding megaphone is made in sections, one fitting in the other, and when not in use the horn collapses into a package about the size of a hat box.

WHAT WILL BECOME OF CHINA.

None can foresee the outcome of the quarrel between foreign powers over the division of China. It is interesting to watch the going to pieces of this ancient but unprogressive race. Many people in America are also going to pieces because of dyspepsia, constipation, blood, liver and stomach disease. We are living too fast, but strength, vigor and good health can be retained if we keep off and cure the above diseases with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

Naples is to be connected with Mount Vesuvius by a direct railroad line, which will connect with the cable line running to the top of the volcano.

TRY ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE.

A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen, nervous, and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Ten thousand testimonials of cures. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Sent by mail for 25c in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, New York.

The Russian pood, a measure of capacity in handling grain, is equal to 36.1 pounds.

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The waters of the Grand Fall of Labrador have excavated a chasm 30 miles long.

Try Schilling's Best tea and baking powder

It is asserted that plate glass will make a more durable monument than the hardest granite.

Pink's Cure for Consumption is the best of all cough cures—George W. Lotz, Fabucher, La., August 26, 1895.

It is announced that Italian experiments on vegetable life with Roentgen rays have shown that the effect is identical with that of sunlight.

For the Summer Girl.

A love in soft white straw is just made for the summer girl. It has an airy, fairy fold of white taffeta round it, and two quilts curve back from the knot in front. White violets coquet with Miss S. G.'s tresses in the back. It is ideal summer hatgear, all white and inexpressibly dainty.

In the town of Chile most shops are open till midnight, and during the hot afternoons, when everybody takes a siesta, they are locked up.

REGAINED HEALTH.

Gratifying Letters to Mrs. Pinkham From Happy Women.

"I Owe You My Life."

Mrs. E. WOOLHISER,
Mills, Neb., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I owe my life to your Vegetable Compound. The doctors said I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. My menstruation had stopped and they said my blood was turning to water. I had several doctors. They all said I could not live. I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it helped me right away; menses returned and I have gained in weight. I have better health than I have had for years. It is wonderful what your Compound has done for me."

"I Feel Like a New Person."

Mrs. GEO. LEACH,
1609 Belle St., Alton, Ill., writes:

"Before I began to take your Vegetable Compound I was a great sufferer from womb trouble. Menses would appear two and three times in a month, causing me to be so weak I could not stand. I could neither sleep nor eat, and looked so badly my friends hardly knew me.

"I took doctor's medicine but did not derive much benefit from it. My druggist gave me one of your little books, and after reading it I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I feel like a new person. I would not give your Compound for all the doctors' medicine in the world. I can not praise it enough."

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Plain or with Cutter. The best needle in the market. Used by all sack sewers. For sale by all general merchandise stores, or by

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CURE ALL LIVER ILLS.
Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.
CONSUMPTION.



FARM AND GARDEN

Hay Rack for Sheep.
The Breeder's Gazette gives a description of this sheep feeding rack. The animals cannot rub the wool off their necks trying to get at the feed; neither will the seed, dust and rubbish fall into the wool, and they cannot pull the hay down and mess it over so they will not eat it afterward. The rack is easily made. With it you can have lambs running about the feed lot without their getting on top of the hay, which ordinarily cannot be done.

Make the frame out of 2 by 6's edge-wise. For block at bottom saw 2 by 6's diagonally. Nail a 12-inch board along the bottom lengthwise; then take three 10-inch boards and nail up the front. Set bottom 10-inch board level with the 12-inch or about one inch higher. Make the rack with a frame about every four feet, omitting crosspiece except at the



SHEEP HAY RACK.

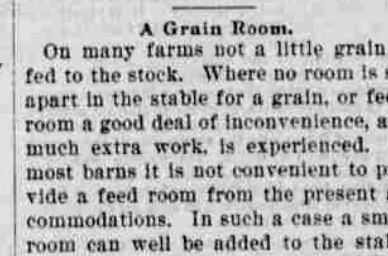
center, and this is not necessary unless you are going to move them about. For rack to feed only one side make 18 inches between studs. You can make the sides separate and set them against light posts. Do not nail, but wire so you can raise them.

Destruction of Weeds.

A few hours' work in spraying or dusting plants in order to destroy insects or disease may not only save crops this year, but also greatly lessen the work of next season. But such labor must be applied at the right time. The same with weeds, which produce millions of seeds. When they are allowed to grow until nearly matured before they are destroyed they take from the land the plant food that should sustain the crops grown thereon. If the destruction of weeds is done when they are small, they are then out of the way before they can harm the crops and the soil. When the farmer postpones his attack on weeds he incurs the risk of not being able to eradicate them at some critical period of their existence, and the pests will then have done damage by depriving the crop of moisture and plant food when the season is most propitious for growth. It is the lessening of the work next year that should always be kept in view. Profit on the farm is not made in a year, but in a series of years. Work done at a loss to-day may bring a fair profit during the next season. The most profitable work is spraying to destroy insects and the keeping down of weeds and grass.—Philadelphia Record.

A Grain Room.

On many farms not a little grain is fed to the stock. Where no room is set apart in the stable for a grain, or feed, room a good deal of inconvenience, and much extra work, is experienced. In most barns it is not convenient to provide a feed room from the present accommodations. In such a case a small room can well be added to the stable



A GRAIN ROOM.

in the manner shown in the cut—making the addition where it can be conveniently reached from the interior. The door is seen to be placed high up in this addition, and opening upon a small platform. A load of grain can thus be backed up to the door and very easily unloaded, no lifting being required. Such an added room would be of small cost, and would save many steps and much valuable time in daily bringing feed from a distant building.—American Agriculturist.

Hens in Summer.

The cheapest way to keep a flock of hens in summer is to turn them on a range and let them pick up all the food required, as they will fill their crops several times a day with bugs, grass, seeds, worms, etc. When fed grain during warm weather the fowls are liable to become too fat, in which condition the hens do not lay and are also more liable to disease. Eggs may not be high in summer, but they can be produced at a very small cost at that season if the hens are made to seek their food.

Robin-Roosts.

For many years naturalists like Audubon and Wilson studied and wrote of this bird before it was known that

there were "robin-roosts" as well as "pigeon-roosts." Only within the last few years was the fact brought out that a bird more familiarly known than the passenger pigeon followed this mode of spending the night, although it adopted spring instead of fall for massing by hundreds in a high, sheltered wood for a night's protection from cold, or because it is the period before pairing time, or for some other reason at present beyond man's ken. With what stealth must this well-known and much-observed bird have found its way in such numbers to the same patch of timber night after night in the early months of the year, according to locality, coming from all directions so swiftly that a secreted observer could not count, keeping up a chatter that could be heard for a long distance, until the last bird, somewhat belated, perhaps, found shelter in the darkening grove, when all became silent as thousands of wings were folded to rest.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Is It Possible?

That the barn roof leaks?
That tools were left where last used?
That fences are never repaired until stock gets out?
That there are no shade trees in the pasture field?
That sheep and cockle burrs are allowed in the same field?
That all grain bags are not marked with their initials in ink?
That the supply of fuel for winter is not being hauled, while the roads are good?

That shoats are allowed the privilege of a ten-acre field without rings?
That the same variety of wheat has been on the farm for fifteen years?
That an abundance of small fruit for family use is not raised on the farm?
That noxious weeds, such as ox-eye daisy, white top, etc., are allowed to go to seed?
That stock is turned out where there is barbed-wire fence, without first leading up to it?
That many farmers get rid of their sheep a year or so ago, and have none on the premises to-day?
That farmers do not realize that we have heretofore had periods of depression, and that better times are coming.—Stockman and Farmer.

Taking Inventory on the Farm.

It is doubtful if there is a merchant in the entire United States, doing a thousand dollars' worth of business in a year, who does not begin immediately after the first of January to take an account of stock, and by an account of stock on hand, his sales, his bills payable, and his bills receivable, he is able to determine whether the business has been done during the last year at a profit or at a loss. He then proceeds to lay the plans for the conduct of his business in the year to come. The merchant who does not do this, and is known not to do this, will speedily lose credit among the bankers and business men with whom he deals, and would be considered in imminent danger of bankruptcy, for only in this way can he find out where he stands financially. We doubt if there is one farmer who at the first of January or at any other period of the year regularly takes stock, casts up his accounts, and finds out the amount of profit or loss.—Field and Farm.

Cultivation in Dry Weather.

Whenever there seems danger that corn or potatoes will suffer from drought all the cultivation should be near the surface. That will provide a slight mulch of dry soil, and will keep the soil all the moister below it, as the mulch prevents surface evaporation. If there are light rains, as there will sometimes be even in dry times, follow with the cultivator, turning down all the soil moistened by the rain, and turning to the surface some of the dry soil below. When on going through the field after a rain you seem to leave the soil dryer than before it was cultivated you may know that you are doing a good work. The water is put down where the corn or potato roots will quickly find it, instead of being left on the surface to evaporate.

Care of the Lawn.

Be careful in mowing the lawn during very dry weather. If the grass plot is kept too close the grass may die out should there be a lack of sufficient moisture. The cutting of grass weakens the plant at first, as every successive growth is in the direction of producing seed. Any plant can be destroyed if kept cut close to the ground. It may make new growth several times, but sooner or later becomes exhausted. When moisture is abundant, however, the plant has better opportunities to renew its growth.

Garden Seeds.

Where several varieties of plants of the same kind are grown together, it will not be proper to save seed therefrom. The different kinds of melons, peas, sweet corn or other crops have their pollen distributed by the winds or by insects, and seed saved under such circumstances will prevent uniformity next year. The greatest care should be observed to avoid mixing when saving seed is the object.

Hog Feeding.

Experiments to determine the value of corn and wheat for producing pork show that to produce one pound of live pork with shelled corn costs 1.40 cents, and to produce one pound of pork from dry wheat the cost is 1.57 cents. The cost varies, owing to the difference in the prices of the foods. Pork from a mixture of equal parts of corn and wheat costs 2.97 cents. Corn is therefore much the cheaper grain for producing pork.

Combating Squash Bugs.

Tedious as it appears, the destruction of the egg clusters and hand-picking of the matured insects is the surest method of combating the odious squash bug.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The highest waterfall in the world is Choclock cascade, at Yosemite, Cal., which is 2,635 feet high, or just half a mile.

Not within living memory has there been known so abnormally snowless a winter in European Russia as the past season.

A medical correspondent at Paris writes that Dr. Mosso has established the fact that the blood of eels is poisonous.

A curious fact has been noted by Arctic travelers—snow when at a very low temperature absorbs moisture and dries garments.

Gun cotton is cotton wool, washed then soaked in nitric acid and three parts of sulphuric acid, washed in water, pulped and dried.

It has been found in Switzerland that in building a railway, laborers could work one-third as long at a height of 10,000 feet as a mile lower.

The Rhind manuscript now in the British museum is the oldest intelligible mathematical work extant that has ever been deciphered.

The largest theater in the world is the Grand opera house of Paris. It covers more than three acres of ground, and cost 63,000,000 francs.

The creatures known as ocean hydras have no heart, no lungs, no liver, no brains, no nervous system, nor organs save mouth and skin.

Glaciers vary in length from year to year, and apparently in cycles of years also, those of the Alps having shown a general diminution since 1850.

The king of Siam has a bodyguard of female warriors—i. e., 400 girls chosen from among the strongest and most handsome of all the women in the land.

A recent landslide in China revealed a pile of money equalling in value 7,000,000 coppers. The coins were made about the middle of the eleventh century.

Porous glass is one of the latest novelties. The holes are so small that neither dust nor draught follows its use, and yet the ventilation is said to be excellent.

Great differences exist between the Arctic and Antarctic regions, and while there is a polar sea at the north, it is believed that a continent exists at the South Pole.

Seven Chinese war vessels are at present being built in Germany. Among them are four torpedo boat destroyers which will have a speed of 33 knots an hour.

The Peruvian Central railroad covering a distance of 10 miles is at an elevation only about 2,000 feet lower than the summit of the highest mountain in Switzerland.

Gained Forty-Eight Pounds.

"I had a strong appetite for liquor which was the beginning of the breaking down of my health. I was also a slave to tea and coffee drinking. I took the gold cure, but it did not help me." This is a portion of an interview clipped from the Daily Herald, of Clinton, Iowa. It might well be taken for the subject of a temperance lecture but that is not our object in publishing it. It is to show how a system run down by drink and disease, may be restored. We cannot do better than quote further from the same:

"For years I was unable to do my work. I could not sleep nights or rest days on account of continuous pains in my stomach and back. I was unable to digest my food. Headaches and painful urination were frequent, and my heart's action became increased. I left my farm and retired to city life, for I was a confirmed invalid, and the doctor said I would never be well again.

"Soon after I happened to use four boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and since then I have been free from all pain, headache and dyspepsia. I eat heartily and have no appetite for strong drink or tea or coffee, and feel twenty years younger.

"My weight has increased 48 pounds. I cannot say too much for Dr. Williams' Pills and claim that they have cured me. JOHN B. COOK."

Subscribed and sworn to before me this sixteenth day of February, 1897.
A. P. Barker, Notary Public.

To people run down in health from whatever cause—drink or disease—the above interview will be of interest. The truth of it is undoubted, as the statement is sworn to, and we reproduce the oath here. For any further facts concerning this medicine write to Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

The name and address of the subject of above interview is John B. Cook, of 208 South 5th street, Lyon, Iowa.

An historic landmark of the town of Hadley, Mass., the old Hooker house, which stood for almost two centuries, was burned recently. It was in this house that General Joe Hooker was born in 1814.

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The Trans-Mississippi Stamp.

Of the Transmississippi Exhibition stamps, the 50-cent stamp, which is dark green in color, is from a drawing by Frederic Remington of a "Western Mining Prospector," showing a prospector in the mountains with his pack mules. The \$1 stamp is in black and white, from J. MacWhirter's "Western Cattle in Storm." The \$2 stamp is brown, showing an engraving of "The Mississippi River Bridge" at St. Louis.

Gunpowder Motor.

Explosive powder is used to operate a new motor, a small quantity of the powder being fed into the cylinder and ignited by an electric spark to drive the piston rod, the expanded gas escaping through a valve as the piston returns.

Celluloid Balloon.

In an improved balloon the basket is carried by four air cells adjustably mounted on a railing around the basket, making it possible for the remaining cells to support the aeronaut if one cell should collapse.

Wheel Nuts With Handles.

An improved nut for wagons and other machinery where the nut would soil the hands if touched has a projecting knob on one side which fits in a hole drilled in one jaw of the wrench to prevent the nut from slipping out.

WAGONS IMPROVED.

The new improved Stoughton wagons stand the racket. Three more car loads are on the way. It pays to have the best. Write for free catalogue. JOHN POOLE, sole agent, foot of Morrison street, Portland, Or.

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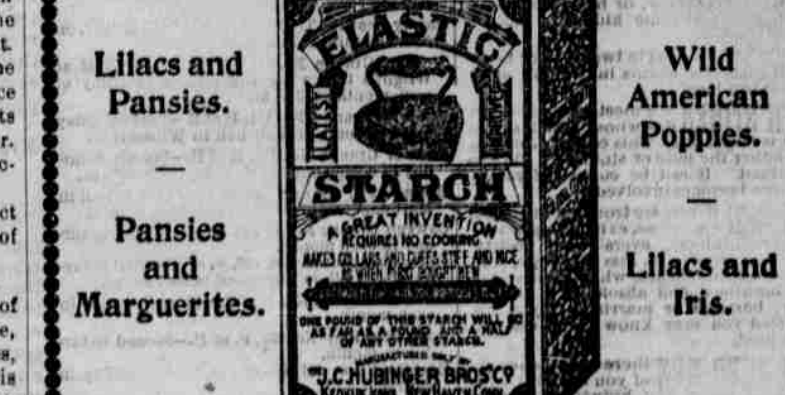
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