A Cheap Horse-Power.

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The fall of 1894 I cut fodder corn for ten cows by hand one month, and, while resting and "getting wind," was looking and studying. I took hard wood boards, made a wheel nine feet in diameter, put a rim on each side and bolted. I next got an old timber, one foot square and long enough to stand upright under scaffold on barn floor, put the wheel on the upper end close under scaffold, morticed hole for sweep and guide pole. I next made a wheel nearly four feet in diameter, and one foot long, bolting them together, went to the blacksmith's and got an old buggy stub and boxing, and put the two wheels upon center post at side of barn door. Two pulleys fastened to main beam (one with a weight attachment), so the rope will run from the large, nine-foot wheel under scaffold, through pulleys, to the one-foot wheel on center post, a belt from the four-foot wheel down to the cutting box. I made a 7-inch hardwood wheel, two inches thick, bored a hole in center for cutter shaft, then sawed it in two in the center, and sawed one inch off from one side, bolted the wheel to the shaft with bolt each side of the center, put cap over burs with screws, and it hasn't "budged" for three years. With a good walking horse, this gives very good motion; it has always been ready for work. I put on a one-quarter-inch cable chain this fall in place of the big rope. The whole cost would hardly pay interest on a power purchased. One half day per week cuts plenty of stalks for ten head of cattle. If this description would help any one who is getting tired of turning the cutter by hand, all's well; it may last until I can decide whether I need a steam or gasoline power.-Hoard's Dairyman.

Grain vs. Pasture. It used to be common for farmers who had fine pastures, especially on I nd that was annually overflowed, to boast that they could fatten beeves more cheaply on grass than on grain. But that time has passed. The pasture has not been wholly superseded, for the farmer who has good pasture still has the advantage, provided he supplements pasture with grain. In spite of the fact that the pasture supplies food without labor, while the corn crop, if grown and harvested as it should be, requires much labor, the latter is much the cheaper feed. There is comparatively little beef now grown which comes from pasture alone. Even in the blue grass region of Kentucky Western grain is largely used to supplement the feed of stock which are still fattened on pasture. There is probably no richer grass in this world than the Kentucky blue grass, which is, however, identical with the June grass in our Northern States. But for cheap nutrition, and especially for stock that is being fattened, it is no match for Indian corn. The grain of a good corn crop has more nutritive value than the grain of any of the smaller grains. And there is besides a great deal of nutritive value in the cornstalks. This is now appreciated by Western farmers more than it ever has been before. It is the value of cornstalks as feed that has done as much as anything else to make corn supersede pasture as a means for fattening cattle.-American Cultivator.

Grape Grafting.

An old Clinton vine stood at the corner of the woodhouse which was so vigorous that its branches spread over everything within reach, but bore no fruit. In April, 1896, I cut both branches off close to the ground and grafted a Delaware grape into one and an Iona into the other. I used no wax, simply wrapped carefully with strings of cloth, pasted a little mud over the wound and covered all with eart. except the top buds of the grafts, Those grafts made a wonderful growth the first season, owing to the far-reachins roots of the Clinton vine. At close of the first season the Iona vine was about eighteen feet long and the Delaware about twelve. This season, with the vines one year old, the Delaware branch bore twenty-four as fine bunches of Delaware grapes as I ever saw. The bunches and berries were slightly larger than the Delaware generally grows, and so compact on the stems that they could not be picked off easily without beginning at the end of the stem.

The Iona branch bore about forty bunches of Iona grapes of the finest quality. This is a quick way of getting a grapevine into bearing. I tried the same experiment on a wild grapevine down in the pasture. It grew just as vigorously, but an inquisitive Jersey cow spoiled the experiment.-Agriculturist.

How to Irrigate. A writer who has observed methods in California, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska and other States has concluded (1) that the best method is the old and well known one of gravitation, taking the water from streams and conveying in ditches to the land where it is to be used. Subirrigation, where it is practicable, gives good results. Where water is raised by pumping with a lift of ten to forty feet a water wheel or turbine connected with a centrifugal pump is cheapest and most satisfactory. Windmills for lift ing water for the ordinary farmer's garden or small truck farming are destrable, provided wooden tanks are used or the soil is such that a water tight reservoir can be built. Centritugal pumps, water elevators or other pumps when driven by steam or gasoline engines, horsepower or other expensive methods are impracticable. He tells in the American Agriculturist that he does not regard any method practicable for general farming except where water flows direct from streams in ditches at low cost.

I have been growing them about a year, and find ready sale for all I can produce for breeding stock at \$1 a pair. I placed a pair of them in a store in Natick, and, as a result, I had a large excellent for a variety.

number of visitors, and plenty of orders. The hares are a new thing in this vicinity. As soon as I have a sur- Overwhelming Majority Favored His plus I intend to sell them for meat. A pair of them will weigh ten or fifteen

I keep them in a pen of wire netting. with a box house in one corner. The fence must be pretty high, as they will jump almost as well as a chicken can fly. They have given me but little trouble in digging out, as I give them plenty of room and move the coop often. I breed them only in summer, as hares born in winter are not likely to live. Their food is like that of other rabbits, comprising grain and vegetables and grass. When wanted for meat, I kill them by knocking on the head and bleeding them. The meat is first-rate. The demand for breeding has been so good that I intend to increase my stock as fast as possible,-Massachusetts Ploughman.

Keeping Sweet Potatoes.

I will tell how we keep them until late in the spring, long after hot beds are made. We got sand from the river and dried it thoroughly in oven in pans. The potatoes are carefully dug and left until evening in the patch, are then placed upstairs in a cool room and lie until late in November (covering them up cool nights when danger of freezing). We have two large barrels, and a couple of inches of sand is put in the bottom and the potatoes carefully put in not to touch, the largest and best selected (no bruised ones). Two inches or more is left all around the barrel to be filled with sand, then all covered with sand two inches, and a of sand on top.

Those barrels set on the stairs floor floor. They must be kept in a cool. dry place, as too much heat or dampness rots them. We have kept them this way for years.-Epitomist.

Breeding Wild Geese. It is usually difficult to mate geese that have been captured alive, for most of them have already been mated and will not take on a new love. But sometimes young geese are secured, and if these are placed with domestic geese each one will select its mate and remain faithful during life. The cross with wild geese improves the size and hardiness of the domestic goose. But It has the disadvantage of perpetuating some of the migratory tendencies of the wild half of the cross. All geese will respond to a flock of wild geese flying overhead, and they doubtless hear their cries much more quickly than do persons. Often in spring or fall when the flock of geese is making a loud squawking, if one looks up into the sky he will see a flock of wild geese flying overhead. It is always best to clip one of the wings of all geese, especially of those that have any wild blood in them. Wild geese that have been captured after attaining full growth are especially liable to be led astray. They are probably looking for the old mate they had before they fell under man's control.-American Cultivator.

Linseed vs. Cottonseed Meal. While fully grown animals with strong digestive organs can eat cottonseed meal, properly diluted with straw or hay, without serious injury, it is doubtful whether it is advisable to make this part of their ration. Linseed meal can be purchased at about the equal nutritive value. The new procis not so fattening as the old process meal, because more of its oil has been expressed. Flaxseed whole is very rich feed, and if boiled so as to swell it out all that hot water can do, it may be given to cattle, sheep or horses with safety. Only a very little should be given at a time, as the oll in it makes it very laxative, and a small amount daily is better than more. There is nothing better for an animal's hair than a little flaxseed daily. It will in-

cow or horse, is a sign of thrift,-Amerlean Cultivator.

sure the shiny coat, which, in either

What Hungry Hogs Will Do. The Agricultural - Epitomist says: "A bunch of hungry hogs will do a good job turning and fining coarse straw manure if some grain is sown upon it. Occasionally their rooting propensities may be utilized in other ways." A Maine farmer is said to remove stumps by fencing them in, making holes under them with a crowbar. placing grain in the holes and turning hogs into the enclosure. In rooting among the roots the hogs are said to root the stumps out by the roots.

Poultry Notes. Grit must be sharp. Feed before you water. Do not feed glass for grit. Feed a mash the year round. Good food is positive economy. Clean out the feed troughs daily. Oyster shells are too soft for grit. Never throw soft feed on the ground, Do not feed corn during hot weather. Round pebbles will not answer for

Half starve your hens and they won't

In feeding grain in the runs, broad-Millet seed is a great egg-producing grain.

Bone dust is valuable for growing chicks. Always feed the mash crumbly, not sloppy.

Do not allow the mash to sour in the troughs. Charred corn is good for indigestion in fowls.

The noon meal is not necessary during summer. Beans are excellent feed, being high-

ly nitrogenous. A quart of feed for twelve hens is 2 good measurement. No breeder ever gets old enough to

know everything. Milk can be fed in any form-sweet, sour or buttermllk.

Barley is much used in Europe and is valuable as a variety. Sorghum and broom corn seeds are VOTED FOR M'KENNA.

Washington, Jan. 24.-The senate today, in executive session, confirmed the nomination of Joseph McKenna, to

court of the United States. In the open ression an agreement was reached by the senate today that a final vote on the Teller resolution, providing that the bonds of the United States may be paid in silver dollars, and all pending amendments thereto should be taken next Thursday before adjournment. Vest, in charge of the resolution, first announced that an agreement had been made for the final vote Wed? nesday at 4 P. M., but readily agreed to a postponement of the vote until

Thursday, at the suggestion of Turpie. Allison made the significant statement that an amendment to the resolution that would cause some debate would be offered late in the discussion, but gave no intimation of the nature, scope or intent of the amendment. During the greater part of the afternoon the senate was in executive ses-

There was a parliamentary struggle in the house today over the bill for the relief of the book publishing company of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, which was brought before the house last Friday. By shrewd manenvering its opponents succeeded in preventing action today. Previous to the consideration of this bill the house passed the bill to extend the public land laws of the United States to the layer of sand and potatoes until bar- territory of Alaska, and to grant a genrels are full, covering with three inches eral right of way through the territory. The urgent deficiency bill was sent to conference after the silver forces, with above the kitchen in a log house, with some outside aid, had succeeded in conno floor above. In severe weather a curring in the senate amendments strikwagon sheet four-double or carpet is ing from the bill the provisions requirthrown over the barrels, reaching the ing the depositors of bullion at government assay offices to pay the cost of transportation to the mints.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

Meaning of the Latest News From Yokohama.

upon the dispatch from Yokohama, saying that a fleet of nine Japanese wara week for Chinese waters, says:

"Japan is preparing for war. That, in a nutshell, is the news from Yokohama today, and it is really the first and the "opera house," which had news from Japan since the beginning of been used for other purposes on that the Chinese crisis. "It was obvious that the Japanese

government had stopped telegraphic except when mobilizing the army or been doing.

"It is understood that the destination of the fleet is Wei Hai Wei, and there is no doubt that the movement means that the status quo in China, so far as Manchuria and Corea are concerned, shall not be disturbed by Russia or any combination of Russia's allies, in defiance of Great Britain and is equality of opportunity in China, they are in a position to enforce their claims."

The St. James's Gazette also gives mense fighting strength, and says:

warships east of Suez in short order. Great Britain, even including the same price as cottonseed meal, and has Powerful, has not a vessel in the North Pacific capable of standing in battle ess meal is the kind generally used. It line against these Japanese battleships.

A dispatch from Shanghai says: It many will make Kiao Chou an open port without exclusive privileges to Germans, and broadly on the line adopted at Hong Kong, the land being held under crown leases.

A Scientific Expedition.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 24.—Profes-sor W. Libby, of Princeton university, proposes to conduct a scientific expedition to the Hawaiian islands during he coming summer. He will take four r five Princeton students with him.

and the party will be gone four or five months. Professor Libby went to Hawaii a few years ago, and is thoroughly posted in regard to the country. He thinks there are, scientific treasures on the islands, duplicates of which cannot found anywhere else. His party will thoroughly explore the forests and other places likely to contain specimens of biological, archaelogical or botanical value.

The Ohio Flood.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 24.—The river is nearly two feet above the danger line and is still rising slowly, but the tide flood is expected by daylight. At Fourth street the waves are washing in to the street. The falls are as smooth as any part of the river.

War on a Diploma Factory. Chicago, Jan. 24.—Attorney-General Aiken, of this state, has begun proceedings to revoke the charter of the Independent Medical College, of Chicago. He has filed an information in lege is usurping the powers of a cor-

applicants. Chicago. Jan. 24.-Four hundred thousand dollars is to be expended at once by the Illfnois Steel Company in the erection of a slab mill in addition to the mammoth plant already, maintained by the company. The completion of the mill will insure employment to at least 1,000 more men than are now on the company's pay-rolls.

French steamer Louis, from Cardiff for Marseilles with coal, foundered off the French coast, and the crew of 15 men were lost.

Sailed With Cargo Afre. St. Johns, Jan. 24.-The steamer Lambert Point, Captain Humphrey, which has been lying here for some days since she arrived here with her cotton cargo on fire, sailed for Liverpool today with the deckload of cotton still fire becomes serious, it is intended to jettison the cargo.

The first forger of a Bank of England

GOSPEL IN THE KLONDIKE.

Struggles of Two Missionaries to Estab-

lish a Church. New York, Jan. 24 -Two missionaries were last spring sent to the Klondike by two New York women under be associate justice of the supreme the auspices of the Presbyterian board independent nation, with which we women are kept a secret by the board. A letter has just been received by Dr. McMillan, corresponding secretary of the board, from these missionaries, the Rev. Hall Young and Dr. W. A. Mc-Ewen. The letter is from Dawson. Dawson City to the nearest outpost of are? civilization by Jimmy Jackson, an In-

The letter announces the establishand says there is food enough there will be entirely past.

a place of worship for the miners. O this point Mr. Young writes:

which he offered to let on these terms: The large room on the first floor, one \$100, which secured the room for the is that change to be? next Sunday. I advertised and had a nice meeting; attendance, 50; colice- of the old monarchy, with its corrupthe upper rooms at \$20 per month each They are little, rough, cold, unfurnished boxes, but were eagerly snapped the rest from the gold commissioner, lease of the building."

came home filled with whisky. Al-London, Jan. 24.—The St. James's though candels were worth \$1.50 each, Gazette this afternoon, commenting he lighted one and then kicked it over. The building was burned to the ground. The luck of the missionaries ships will leave Japan in the course of had aroused the miners, however, and gold was forthcoming in paying quantities. Mr. Young argued for and won the observance of Sunday in the camp, day, is now the church.

Somebody stole two bags of flour government had stopped telegraphic from the missionaries, but the thief authority there. communication, which it never does, had been forgiven. The missionaries Well, then, where the communication which it never does, had been forgiven. have started a Young People's Society navy. That is precisely what it has of Christian Endeavor and a branch of the Y. M. C. A.

Lost His Life in the Klondike.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 24.-The re-

Rich Find on a Northern Island. Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 24.-According to a letter received by Mrs. Edgar, of Old Tacoma, her son, who started with a party of five a few months ago that he says pays them all \$50 a day.

\$7,000 worth of gold by that time. Were Ironed, But Fought,

irons this morning. While the men were being taken aboard, they contrived to put some pieces of iron in ironed as they were, it was all that the deputies could do to subdue them. Captain McDonald says that the court and other costs will eat up every cent of the men's wages for the entire vovage, as the cost of the detention of the ship will be charged to them.

British Warships Put to Sea.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 24.-H. M. S. Pheasant went to sea today under sealed orders. The Leander will leave next Wednesday. Admiral Pallister refuses absolutely to say where they cago. He has filed an information in the circit court charging that the colisis divided between China and South America. Wherever it is, the admiral poration, and that it has issued medical must have received reassuring news. diplomas without qualification of the as late this afternoon it was decided that the Imperieuse should not go.

English Bridges Washed Away.

lish occurred last night, when three of the five bridges over Little Blue bridge went down, were saved with forever. difficulty by citizens.

Vinton line steamer Miramer, from Brazil ports, brought three packages of yellow fever serum, forwarded by Dr. Saranelli.

Alaska a Poor Labor Market. Tacoma, Jan. 24.-There is at pres-

ent a glut in the labor market at Juneau, Dyea and Skagway. More workingmen than there are jobs for have gone to those towns, with the reafire. The crew refused to sail in her sult that wages are coming down, and until compelled by the police. If the many men are now eating up their supplies and earning nothing. When a good fall of snow comes, followed by a freeze, the situation will be good, for paid for fish this season. then the carrying of supplies over Chilnote was Richard William Vaughn, a koot and White passes will begin in linen draper of Stafford, hanged in earnest and every man there can get the season, as most of the logs cut have work.

ALTERNATIVE TO ANNEXATION

We Must Take Hawaii or Leave It to

Some Other Nation. But why, some are asking, is it necessary to annex Hawaii outright to this country? Why not leave it as it is, an of home missions. The names of the have favorable treaties, and in whose harbors our commerce can have all desired facilities without the grave responsibilities of actual ownership? This country and Hawaii have been getting on together well for three-quarters of a century; why disturb those rela-December 21. It was carried from tions? Why not leave things as they The answer supplies itself, promptly

and convincingly, says the New York Tribune. We cannot leave things as ment of the first church in Kloudike. they are, because they will not stay as they are. Even now they are not as to last till spring with economy, but if they have been. Five years ago the provision reach the miners by the first old Hawaiian government broke down. of April the danger of absolute want. It had become utterly corrupt, and collapsed through its own rottenness. Mr. Young writes that he and his The islands were saved from savage companions are the only missionaries anarchy only by the prompt action of who reached Dawson City before winter a handful of men, mostly of United set in. They started at once to provide States origin, who organized a provisional government and appealed to the United States for help in the form of "I found a newly erected two-story annexation. The help being denied, house belonging to a saloon-keeper they undertook the desperate task of maintaining the government they had founded, in the face of overwhelming month for \$100 in advance, or the odds of foes both without and within. whole house (there are six 8x10 rooms. Thus far they have managed to hold in the upper story) until May 15, seven their ground; but it is perfectly evimonths, for \$850, giving five days to dent they cannot do so permanently, raise the money. Well, I prayed and There must be a radical change in called on several friends. I got the affairs, and it must come soon. What Certainly there can be no restoration

tion, \$40. Then I arranged to sublet tion and oppression and its choppingmachine, which her majesty was so eager to apply to the necks of all who differed from her views of policy. up the first day. I got the renters to Neither can the islands be given up to advance all they could and borrowed the masses of the kanakas. However traceable these may be and however Mr. Fawcett. At the expiration of five well they may make progress toward days I paid the other \$750 and got the civilization under proper guidance, they are manifestly untit for self-govern-But there were troubles ahead. On ment. There can be no more ghastly the 21st of November one of the lodgers | mockery than to inveigh against the "half-breed" republies of South and Central America, and the negro republies of another such in Cuba, and at the same time to favor the creation of the kanaka republic in the Sandwich islands. No. To keep these islands fit for use as a port of call for Pacific commerce, to say nothing of protecting the capital already invested there and developing the resources of one of the most productive regions on the face of the globe, it is absolutely necessary that some outside power should exercise

Well, then, why should not the various powers that are interested in Pacific commerce, and, therefore, in the right administration of Hawaiian affairs, unite in exercising sufficient moral and material influence upon the islands to insure a just and stable government port that James H. Jackson, brother of and to keep them forever neutral, if S. Jackson, editor of the East Ore- not independent? Why, that would gonian, lost his life in the Klondike, is mean exactly such an entangling alliconfirmed in a letter from John E. La- ance as it is the traditional policy of throp and Dr. Beatle. Jackson and this country to avoid. We have already Japan. So long as the defenders' policy Beatle were camped at an island at the | specifically refused to make such an Fronth of the Swalue, 18 miles above arrangement with Great Britain and Dawson City. Jackson went to Day France over these very islands, as well son City with two lumbermen, and le as over Cuba. We were persuaded to there November 9 to return alone. He make such an arrangement with Great prominence to a list of the ships in the was not seen afterward. He was Britain and Germany over Samon, and Japanese navy, pointing out its im- searched for for two weeks, without have got little from it but vexation of avail. The trail was dangerous, and spirit. There can be no serious con-"It is probable that Japan could fin- it is thought Jackson was drowned in sideration of repeating that experiment ish off all the Russian and German attempting to cross a weak place in the in the case of Hawaii, where, instead have to be in a partnership of at least five. Why, it would beas well to seek entrance into the dreib und at onceand have done with it.

Then, as a final resort, why not establish a protectorate over the islands? is stated in official quarters that Ger- for the Klondike, but stopped at some That would keep all other nations from small island, has struck a rich digging interfering with them, and would give the Hawaiian government the moral Accompanying the letter was a small support of the United States, which canvas sack filled with gold dust, valued at nearly \$700. Just where the not try that? It is curious to hear such island is he does not say, but the letter a proposition as this made by those and package were sent from Juneau. who doubt the constitutionality of an-Mr. Edgar says he expects to come nexing the islands. If there is no down in May or June, and, as he can warrant for annexation, there is aswork every day, he will have nearly suredly none, either in the constitution or elsewhere, for a protectorate. Such an arrangement would be absolutely foreign to the spirit and practice of Tacoma, Jan. 24.—Seven of the crew | this government-always excepting the of the English ship Marion Frazier, case of Samoa, which may be taken as who have been confined in the county a "horrible example" to warn us jail, on a charge of deserting from the against its repetition. So far as merely ship, where put aboard the ship in moral protectorate or "sphere of influence" is concerned, that has been exercised over Hawaii for the last 75 years, and has now reached the end of their pockets, with which they broke its usefulness. This country has been two large plate-glass windows, and, warning all others to keep their hands off the islands, as they are desired to come under the proprietorship of the United States. The time has now come either to fulfill that destiny or to abandon it. The government of Hawaii-the only government there is in the islands, the one which all the world recognizes as legal-declares that it does not want that system to continue longer. It wants the United States either to annex the islands itself or relinquish all claim to them as at least three others are ready and anxious to do so.

That, then, is the case in a nutshell. This country must either take them or leave them alone. It can no longer play the part of the dog in the manger. Hawaii means to be annexed to some other nation. It offers itself first to this one. If this one does not take it, and take it now, it will offer itself to English, Ind., Jan. 24.—One of the another, which will take it, and thus most disastrous floods known to Eng- gain an advantage over us in the commerce of the Pacific, which we can never hope to overcome. The choice river were washed away. Fifty persons on Court-street bridge when the ment. It must be made at once, and

> A case has been brought in Spokane to test the law passed by the last Washington legislature requiring children to attend school.

The annual output of oysters on Puget sound, according to the report of Fish Commissioner Little, was 16,000 sacks, valued at \$40,000. John B. Cleland has been appointed

judicial district of Oregon, to succeed L. B. Stearns, who has resigned. A committee has been appointed by Baker's bay fishermen to ascertain from the cannerymen what price will be

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MRS. PINKHAM'S STANDING INVITATION.

Representatives of the Methodist church are in session at Washington for the purpose of effecting a union of the M. E. church North and South.

HAWAII AND JAPAN.

Dispatches from Washington state that there are about to be important developments in the Japanese imbroglio with the government of the liawaitan Islands. However this may be, cer-Hawainn Islands. However the holy occupied than it is that the disturbance of the stomach caused by simple indigestion will develop into chronic dyspepsia unless checkmated at the start. The finest stomachic is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which promptly rectifies gastric trouble and dues away with irregularity of the bowels and liver.

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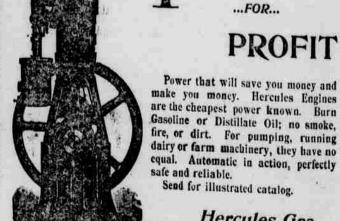
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