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AGRICULTURAL.

CHAMPAGNE CIDER.

We annex, from a very respectable source, the following on the subject of Champagne Cider. The process of making a good article of cider as free as possible from alcoholic influences, is so simple that any one who has the apples can have it in his family.

After the apples are crushed, press out the juice, put it in a clean cask and leave out the bung. It will work without anything being put in; in four or five days draw it off and put into another clean cask. Do this three or four times, allowing as many days between each changing. It does not work well in cloudy weather, and so must be left longer. If it does not fine well, it will not keep sweet. To assist the fining, dissolve six ounces of galatine for each hogshead and mix; do this previous to the last change of cask.

The quality of cider depends on the quality of apples used. Two parts of sour apples and one part sweet will make good cider.

Now observe, let there be no time lost in the whole process, but allow sufficient time to do it well. It is particles of pulp left in the cider that causes it to turn sour. To effect the proper clarifying and working, it will require four changes of cask, that is if you want first rate cider. Do not put any water in any part of the process—having all juice.

After the last change the cider may remain in the cask, bunged up, two or three months. You then bottle off—lay the bottles down in a cold dark cellar—some will burst, but then you must put up with it. It will be fit to use during the summer, when all parts of the work has been well done. The bottled cider will be equal to champagne, and will keep sweet. Some put brandy, rum, gin or other spirits, in—it does not preserve it, but only makes it intoxicating.

If you get pine apples very cheap, two or three crushed up in a hogshead of juice will be a great improvement. If you keep the cider in casks, be sure they are sound and air tight, and very clean. Wash out with cold water, and scald out your cask, fumigate with rag of sulphur; melt the sulphur, and then dip the rag in; a piece about one foot square will be sufficient for a hogshead—light the rag and then put it in the hogshead leave out the spile peg only. This will destroy all must or mill-dew, or any other bad taste in the cask.

APPLYING SALT TO PASTURES.

A writer in an exchange, in describing the manner in which he managed his grass lands in England, gives the result of an application of salt upon those places in pastures where the grass is rejected by stock. He says: "In England I had several pieces of fine grass land in my occupation, which had been grazed time out of mind, and in some places there was coarse grass, which the stock rejected; so I determined to make these fields even and pleasing to the eye. My first step was to have salt sowed on the rough places, which had a good effect and caused the cattle to eat a deal of it, especially when sheep or horses followed the cow stock. After two years I mowed these fields alternate years, grazing in their stead a fine old tract of land which had been mowed for an hundred years without intermission, and the effect on both was almost magical. The old mowings gradually improved till more than an extra ton of hay per acre was cut and the rough places in the fields became so changed that it was difficult to find the sight of former unsightliness."

The suggestion of using salt moderately upon spots in pastures where the grass is rejected by cattle, it strikes us, is a good one. As to alternate cropping and mowing grass lands, we found the practice generally prevailing among the dairymen of the west of England, and from our observations, there is no doubt the practice could be advantageously followed here.

A celebrated chemist says that thirty pounds of flesh, thirty-two pounds of blood, and sixty-two pounds of bone contain as much nitrogen as one thousand pounds of farm manure; and hence that the carcass of a dead horse is worth more than a ton of the best farm-yard manure for the purpose of vegetation.

Pegged boots, it is stated if occasionally dressed with petroleum between the sole and the upper-leather, will not rip. If the soles of the boots or shoes are dressed with petroleum they will resist wet and wear well. The pegs, it is said, are not affected with dryness after being well saturated with this liquid.

To make sweet potato pudding, take five eggs, one-half pound of butter, one-quarter of a pound of sugar; and as much sweet potatoes as will thicken it, the juice and grated peel of a lemon, beat very light.

VARIOUS ITEMS.

A cow-belle—a pretty milkmaid. Domestic Cannibals—Backbiters. Gen Rosecrans is called the Great Interviewer. What flower resembles a bull's mouth? A cowslip. Who has ever seen the cow that had calves on her legs? "A gold lady's watch" is advertised as lost in a New Jersey paper. Chinese edible birds' nests are a new feature in Paris restaurants. Interesting to youthful barristers—a maiden brief is not a little girl. Patience is a tree whose roots are bitter, but the fruit is very sweet. Never carry a sword in your tongue to wound the reputation of any man. Signal for a bark—Pulling a dog's tail.

The man who took our advice has just brought it back again. When is a lawyer like a dunkey? When he draws a conveyance. What tree represents a person who persists in incurring debts? Will o'we. The man who was driven to distraction had to walk back. The cup that neither walks nor inebriates—the hiccup. It makes a great difference whether glasses are used under or over the nose. A dentist is not necessarily mad because he shows his teeth. A literary admirer at a great fire said to Dickens, Howitt Burns. Pyrotechnical remedy for crying infants—Rocket.

The height of impudence—taking shelter from the rain in an umbrella shop. The individual who was ever seen by the eye of a potato has never been visible. The love of all (to risk a woman's paradox) is but a small thing to the love of one. Religion is not only the best armor in the world, but the best cloak that can be worn.

It may be a fair question to ask whether a man can be said to be wedded to celibacy. Dean Swift recommended a tax on female beauty, and to leave every lady to rate her own charms. How can one be sure of cowslips in the winter? By driving his cattle on the ice.

When is a street unlike the law? When you can see the end from the beginning. Three miseries of a man's house—A smoky chimney, a dripping roof, and a scolding wife. What secret is that which may be warranted to keep in any climate? A woman's age.

Why is a blind negro guided by a dog like a drawing pencil? Because he is a black lead. What's the latest and sweetest thing in bonnets? The ladies' faces, to be sure. "Alas, I am no more!" as Miss Susan More remarked after becoming Mrs. Jones.

A pin has got as much head as a good many authors, and a good deal more point. What lady-like designation is that which is spelt forward and backward the same? Madam. "There's a brandy smash," said a wag, on seeing a drunken man fall through a window.

An old maid speaking of marriage, says it is like any other disease—while there's life there's hope. "Little boys should be seen and not heard," replied a youngster, when he did not know his lesson.

Why are full grown cats like unskilled surgeons? Because they mew-till-late and kill the patience. Who has ever been pushed by a shoulder of mutton? Many a man has been pushed to get one. A bachelor merchant's advice in selecting a wife is, "Get hold of a piece of calico that will wash."

A husband can readily foot the bills of a wife who is not ashamed to be seen footing his stockings. Go to strangers for charity, acquaintances for advice, and relatives for nothing, and you will always have a supply. Caught in her own net, as the man said when he saw one of the fair sex hatched in her crinoline.

However high house rents may be, you can always have at least one room at your command—the room for improvement. Cunning is only the mimic of discretion, and may pass upon weak men just as pertness is often mistaken for wit, and gravity for wisdom.

An exchange gives the following toast: "Woman—the morning-star of infancy—the day-star of manhood—the evening-star of age. Bless our stars!" To economize is to draw in as much as possible. The ladies apply this art to their persons, and the result is a very small waste.

An American lecturer of note solemnly said one evening: "Parents, you may have children, or if you have not, your daughters may have." Stupid people may eat, but shouldn't talk. Their mouths would do well as banks for deposits, but not as banks for the issue of notes.

"Do you enjoy going to church now?" asked a lady of Mrs. Farrington. "Law me, I do," replied Mrs. E. "Nothing does me as much good as to get up early Sunday morning and go to church, and hear a populous minister dispense with the Gospel."

The Editor.

The following sublime lines are clipped from an Eastern paper: I wish I was an editor, I really do indeed; It seems to me that editors Get everything they need. They get the biggest and the best Of everything that grows, And get in free to circuses And other kinds of shows. And when a mammoth cheese is out They always get a slice. For saying Mrs. Smith knows how To make it very nice. The largest pumpkin, longest beet, And other garden stuff, Is blown into the sanctum by An editorial puff. The biggest bug will speak to them, No matter how they dress— A shabby coat is nothing, if You own a printing press. At ladies' fairs they're almost hugged By pretty girls, you know, That they may crack up everything The ladies have to show. And thus they get a blow-out free And other people read. The reason is because they write. And other people read.

How jolly to be an editor in the "States," if the above picture be true. But we can't see it in that light on this coast. Nonsense! Editors get everything they need? Yes, and sometimes more than they want. A big husky introduced himself into our sanctum the other day, and intimated that we needed a pick-handle over our head. As he wouldn't accept our polite invitation to go to—blank's, we were compelled to "remunstrate" with him. "Free to circuses and shows," you bet! At the same time you place yourself under the trifling obligation to manufacture shapely Venuses out of knock-kneed, bow-legged and flat-chested dances, and land some stage-struck individual for murdering "My Father's Ghost." "Alas, 'Poor Yorick!' it's all in a puff, you know. Speaking of cheese—Mrs. Smith never gave us a slice, although it is said a slice from a cut cheese is never missed. How nice it must be to have pumpkins and other "garden sasses!"

"Blown into the sanctum by An editorial puff," to be certainly. A small sized musk-melon found its way into our exchange one day, but it took the last stamp we had. Besides "the biggest bug will speak to them"—yes, and bite them, too. Rot the bugs, we say—specially bedbugs! Humboldt still lingers in our memory. We can't help feeling hard when we are told that editors in the "States" are "hugged by pretty girls." (Rough on the girls, no doubt.) They don't do that sort of thing out here—chiefly because pretty girls are "few and far between" in this quarter-section of God's creation, and handsome editors don't abound much to speak of, neither. The piece concludes: "And thus they get a blow-out free"—more frequently a blow up, according to our experience. Oh, the felicity of an editor's life in the "States," where the good things of this life are almost forced upon them.—Ex.

The Federal offices of this State need revising and refurbishing with incumbents. We have good men enough to fill them—men who will prove honest and competent and inspire confidence in the public mind by a faithful administration, but there are symptoms that the least worthy may meet with the best success. We have not gained strength, for the two elections of the year 1868, from the conduct of the Federal officeholders as a class. So the general expression throughout the State is for a new deal all around.—Salem Letter to Sacramento Union.

A story is told of a Western lawyer who lately attended a religious meeting where he was called upon to offer a prayer. Not being experienced in such duty, he rose and attempted the Lord's prayer, and succeeded very well until he came to the passage, "Give us this day our daily bread," when from the force of habit, he immediately added, with costs.

The total length of electric telegraphs in the world, not including the submarine, amounts to upward of 180,000 miles, which is more than enough to go around the earth seven times. Of the total amount there are 42,260 miles in the United States—nearly one-quarter of the whole.

The wife of Bernard McKenna, a laborer at San Francisco, was delivered of triple—two boys and one girl. The mother and two of the children are doing well.

If the spring put forth no blossoms, in summer there will be no beauty, and in autumn no fruit. So if youth be trifled away without improvement, riper years will be contemptible, and old age miserable.

A man in Illinois last week deposited \$800 in greenbacks in his parlor stove for safe keeping, informed his wife of what he had done. Next day she had company, forgot about the money, lighted a fire and \$800.

The rebels of Cuba and their filibustering, practical friends, have adopted a flag consisting of red and blue stars, with a white ground in one corner surmounted with a lone star.

"There, now," said a little girl, while rummaging a drawer in a bureau; "there, now, grandpa has gone to Heaven without his spectacles."

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