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Louisiana has become the banner cotton State, producing this year 1,200,000 bales of the 3,000,000 bales raised in the South. To accomplish this the cultivation of sugar has been largely abandoned.

While the fertility of the soil is by no means an evidence of the civilization and refinement of a people, a high state of cultivation of the soil is seldom disjunct from a respectable degree of mental culture.

Breeding fine stock successfully is a specialty which requires study and experience. It is a science that but few farmers are able to comprehend. To a competent judge of fine stock, nature must bestow the talent and that gift must be cultivated.

About 7,000 acres are cleared of timber each week day in this country. Of the annual crop \$75,000,000 worth goes for fuel and twice as much to fencing. The locomotives in this country consume no more than 700,000 cords of wood, or 500 acres a year. Therefore, plant trees.

An experienced woodman says trees should not be cut down for wood. Limbs may be lopped off, and in a few years the tree is made. In this way you get as much wood as if you felled the tree at each cutting and the tree still remain good.

The exports of wheat from Russia from Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, 1873, were 27,263,106 bushels, against 42,650,966 bushels in 1872, and 49,344,060 bushels in 1871. The total exports of all kinds of grain for the same time were 86,309,348 bu. in 1873 against 75,871,937 bushels in 1872 and 105,861,137 bushels in 1871.

An English scientific journal states that oxalic acid promotes the sprouting of seeds, so that seeds forty years old will germinate by its application. The method is to soak the seeds for a day or two in a solution of oxalic acid till they commence to sprout, when they are taken out and planted.

Commercially considered, says the New York Tribune, the droppings of well fed chickens when dry and undecomposed, are worth half as much as Peruvian guano, or \$40 per ton. Leached ashes are worth \$6 to \$8 per ton, and stable manure costs \$2 50 and \$5 per ton, according to locality.

Home Interests.

Alum or vinegar is good to set colors—red, green or yellow.

A hot shovel held over varnished furniture will take out spots.

Rubbers of any kind should be washed in cold suds and not rinsed.

Sal soda will bleach: one spoonful is sufficient for a kettle full of clothes.

Save your soapuds for the garden and plants, or to harden yards when sandy.

If you are buying a carpet for durability, you must choose small flowers. The small flowers are more durable than the large ones. The small flowers are also more easily cleaned.

Scotch snuff, if put in holes where crickets run out, will destroy them.

Tender persons should eat only a very light supper, and that full two or three hours before going to bed.

Soup or broth made of different meats is strengthening, as well as nice flavored, but it should be perfectly free from fat if prepared for invalids.

The studios ought to have stated times of exercise, at least two or three hours a day, one half before dinner, the other before going to bed.

Exercise should never be taken on a full stomach, it should never be continued to exhaustion, and when we are done, we should not cool off too suddenly.

By setting a glass fruit jar on a folded towel, thoroughly soaked in cold water, the fruit can be poured in boiling hot with no more danger of breaking than a tin can.

Cold bathing is of great advantage to health. It prevents many diseases, promotes perspiration, accelerates the circulation of the blood, and secures against cold.

Wooden shoes are highly recommended by the agriculturists of Europe, as it is shown that impaired constitution and even loss of life results from wearing leather shoes in wet weather.

We may strengthen any weak part of the body by constant exercise. Thus the lungs may be strengthened by loud speaking or by walking up an ascent, the digestion and nerves by riding, the arms and hands by rubbing them daily.

To prevent choking, break an egg into a cup and give it to the person choking, to swallow. The white of the egg seems to catch around the obstacle and remove it. If one egg does not answer the purpose, try another. The white is all that is necessary.

To HAVE CORNED BEEF JUICE.—After it is cold, and not dry as chip, put it into boiling water when you take it out of the pot, when done, until cold.

PREMIUM RYE BREAD.—One quart of meal, one quart of wheat flour, one teacup of yeast, one teacup of salt. Make a thick batter of warm milk; pour into pans and let it rise. Bake until well done.

A certain cure for nose bleeding is said to be to extend the arm perpendicularly against a wall or post, or any convenient object for a support. The arm on the side from which the blood proceeds is the one to elevate.

CUSTARD WITHOUT EGGS.—Boil a quart of milk, except a teacupful in which to put four table-spoonfuls of flour. When it boils put in a very little salt and stir as for starch. Add two table-spoonfuls of sugar and such spice as you like.

LEMON MIXED PIES.—Squeeze a large lemon; boil the outside till tender enough to beat to a mash; three large apples chopped fine; four ounces beef suet; half a pound of currants, and four ounces sugar. Put the juice of the lemon and some candied fruit for other mince pies. Bake with rich crust.

CLEANSING SILVER.—According to Dr. Elsner, water in which potatoes have been boiled exercise a remarkable cleansing influence upon silverware of all kinds, especially spoons that have become blackened by eggs. Even delicately chased and engraved articles can, it is said, be made bright by this method, even better than by the use of the polishing powder.

ELASTIC VARNISH.—As an excellent and easily manufactured varnish for wicker work, F. Rhine recommends the following composition: One part of good linseed oil is boiled down to a syrupy consistency and mixed with twenty parts of copal. This mass is then diluted with oil of turpentine to the proper thickness and the varnish dries quickly, and remains elastic, so as not to crack by the bending of the basket.

CLEAN TEETH.—If you will but keep your teeth clean they won't decay. The wonderful dentifrices which are sold at fabulous prices are greatly inferior to a simple mixture of soap and prepared chalk, with a little something like orris root; but the essential articles are soap and chalk. The druggist will prepare you enough for a quarter of a dollar to last a long time. When you go to bed, with a brand soft tooth brush, go through your mouth thoroughly. If disposed to a bad month, you may repeat the dose in the morning. But the principal article for keeping the teeth clean is a tooth-pick, a soft goose quill, which you may use after eating, no matter though it is a piece of apple, and if convenient, afterward use some water to rinse between the teeth what the pick has left.

Scissors tags.

A Breathing Cave.

In the ranges of mountains in Western North Carolina known as the "Fox Range," a most singular phenomenon exists. It is a breathing cave. In the summer a current of air comes from it so strongly that a person can't walk against it, while in winter the suction is just as great. The cool air from the mountain in the summer is felt for miles in a direct line from the mouth of the cave. At times a most offensive odor is emitted upon the current from dead carcasses of animals sucked in and killed by the violence. The loss of cattle and stock in that section in winter is accounted for in this way: They range too near the mouth of the cave, and the current carries them in. At times, when the change from inhalation to exhalation begins, the air is filled with various hairs of animals; not infrequently with bones and whole carcasses are found miles from the place. The air has been known to change materially in temperature during exhalation from quite cool to unpleasantly hot, withering vegetation within reach, and accompanied by a terrible roaring gurgling sound, as a pot boiling. It is feared by many that a volcanic eruption may break forth there some time. Such things have occurred in places as little expected.—St. Louis Democrat.

The rebuilding as it were, of Rome under the auspices of its new master the King of Italy, is going on rapidly, and not unfrequently presents some interesting facts. The cost of grading is immense, the workmen, in many places, being obliged to lay walls fifty feet high. In digging down they find ruins of the Rome of Middle Ages first, and under them again, those of the Ancient City, and sometimes the original surface of the earth is at a depth of eighty feet. One can see, therefore, at what frightful expense the work must go on, for all these yawning caverns must be filled to support the future pavements and future buildings. Included in the intended improvements of the city is a modern suspension bridge across the Tiber.

The Cedar Falls Repository reports having found the meanest many The chap deputed a pair of worn-out summer pants to the homesteaders, but took out the pockets and ripped the buttons off before parting with them.

Chester Pike broke his leg in Concord and was carried home. His wife was frightened, and in running to meet him fell over a dog, breaking her arm. Now, it we could only find out what happened to the dog.

The Dutchman who was married some time ago on the ice, is at present industriously bumping around for his wife. He didn't think anything could be more slippery than ice.

The St. Paul Dispatch prints some astounding statements relative to contracts on postal routes in the far West, held by C. C. Huntley. The Dispatch claims that at the outset Huntley, by aid of some Washington confederates, procured from the files several petitions from Montana, cut off the names and attached them to a petition for a postal route from Missoula, Montana, to Walla Walla, W. T., 450 miles, through a wilderness without settlers, and got a contract at \$20,744 a year, which was subsequently increased to \$42,232 per annum. Huntley immediately sub-contracted at \$14,000, and pocketed \$48,000 a year for six years. The mail matter sent over the road did not exceed eight letters and papers each mail. He also obtained a route for \$11,131 from Kelton, Utah, to Dalles, W. T. (The Dalles, Oregon?), 750 miles daily trips, at \$234,000 per year. His last operation was getting a route for \$42,000 from Boise City to Winnemucca, Nevada, 280 miles, at \$77,000, of which \$60,000 is clear profit.

A piece of elastic stone was recently exhibited in St. Louis, which had been quarried near Goldsboro, N. C., and has been presented to the St. Louis University. It is a bar of white sandstone, one foot in length by one inch in width and thickness. It is easily bent in any direction, returning with a spring, when suddenly loosened, to its proper axis. It may also be compressed with a slight pressure, or extended, and it converts its shape as readily as caoutchouc or India rubber.

A Geneva physician has observed that among populations dwelling at a high elevation above the level of the sea cases of consumption are very rare, while on the other hand cases of pneumonia are very frequent. Having bestowed attention also upon the therapeutic effects of a change of altitude, he comes to the conclusion that a given increase of altitude produces always the same effect, whatever the altitude of the starting point.

A curious mode of fish hatching is said to be followed in China. Having collected the necessary spawn from the water's edge the fishermen place a certain quantity in an empty hen's egg, which is sealed up with wax and put under a sitting hen. After some days they break the egg and empty the fry into water well warmed by the sun, and there nurse them until they are sufficiently strong to be turned into a lake or river.

The Town Trustees of Laporte, Ind., a few evenings ago, visited a sleight-of-hand enterprise swindle, and found among the audience a large number of people who were drawing their support from the town. There are now in that town any quantity of men hunting up wood-piles to saw.

Our light-house system is more extensive than any in the world, the lights and beacons extending more than 10,000 miles along coast and shore. We have 521 light-houses, 35 powerful signals operated by engines driven by steam, 364 day or unlighted beacons, and 2,888 buoys.

Gonnod's "Romeo and Juliet" was recently given at Madrid, but was not a success, owing to the fact that the "Juliet" of the occasion was Mme. Sass, a fragile female of more than two hundred pounds avoirdupois.

Megacochus has discovered, says the London "Figaro," another remarkable soprano, by name Mlle. Diandonne (God-gifted), a pupil of Mlle. Pender, 25,000 francs in blonde, endowed with a seraphic voice, say the reports.

Mamma.—"Now then, Tommy, make haste and eat up your dinner." Tommy (after a pause).—"I'm trying to eat it up, mamma, but it will go down." M.—"What a handsome lady that is—the one who is so sweetly smiling?" B.—"But she reminds me of a comb." A.—"Why?" B.—"Because she shows all her teeth."

A Chicago "Gentleman" preached in a billiard saloon on a Sunday. He made out some points, thus:

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Chills and Fever	5	5
Typhoid Fever	19	19
Influenza	9	9
Diarrhea	4	4
Insufficiency of Urine	3	3
Stricture	6	6
Inflammation of Bladder	27	27
Hemorrhoids	12	12
Ischemia of the Heart	7	7
Dysentery	4	4
Chronic Diarrhea	12	12
Gonorrhoea	15	15
Dropsy	6	6

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