

Some Phases of Army Life.

There is a report gaining more or less credence, said Lieut. Davis, one of the army officers at West Point, when speaking to a Tribune reporter recently...

The most popular branch of the service at present is the cavalry. Not, as some suppose, because officers are killed off faster there, but because they are used up and retired, which results in the same thing, generally promotion...

Western Men Have Ideas.

Two men, who announced that they were from Chicago, rushed noisily into a very quiet barber shop in town the other day, and pulled off their coats with a great deal of talk about the heat...

The Chicago men were silent for a long while, and then one of them asked carelessly, "What do you call cold weather here?"

Every man, said the foreman, heartily. New York Sun.

REPORTorial ZEAL.

How Too Much of It Came Near Hanging Its Possessor.

Probably one of the most remarkable instances of reportorial zeal ever heard of, and which came near ending very seriously to the main actor, was the exploit of a young man named Armstrong...

Our regiment was stationed on that ground for four years, and we have lost fifteen officers from the effects of it, while as many more have been retired, utterly used up. I've known a detachment of troops to go seventy-two hours without water, until their tongues hung out and swelled up so they could hardly speak.

The Volume of the Thames. Besides a number of other interesting details about the river Thames in and near London, the evidence taken before the royal commission on sewage discharge gives in tabular form some new information respecting the quantity of water which comes periodically over the weir at Teddington.

At this the victims laughed forth into stories of what kind of weather they considered cold in Chicago. The anecdotes had covered periods extending considerably more than 120 degrees below zero before the shave was over, and when they got up to go out the barbers were cheerfully folding up their towels again and placing the brushes in methodical rows under the mirrors.

An Incomplete Scheme. Washington has a training school for servant girls. This is a step in the right direction. Now let Washington go right on in this good work of reform and establish a training school for mistresses and we will get along splendidly. —Bob Burdette.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Farm Notes.

Wood ashes contain every element of food for plants except nitrogen, viz.: potash, lime, magnesium, and phosphoric acid. They are, therefore, useful for any crop, but are especially valuable for grass.

There are very few or no steam plows in use in Antricia. The only place where they can be used is on the large wheat farms in the Northwest, and there they have not been found profitable, because they are used only for a few days, or weeks, and then lie idle the rest of the year.

Good mutton is always in demand; by improving our sheep for meat, and feeding better, sheepkeeping can be made profitable even when wool is low. Then when wool advances the profit will be correspondingly increased.

A good preservative for shingles on a roof is common pine tar laid on hot so as to soak into the shingles. Or the shingles may be dipped in crude petroleum before they are laid, and left to soak in tubs or barrels.

Pig Allments.

In the first four or five weeks after their birth, diarrhea carries off many little pigs and greatly retards the growth of others that may survive its attacks. Improper feeding of these, if the pigs are sucking, and of the pigs themselves, if weaned, is the prominent cause.

Constitution, though not fatal, or a disease of itself, may, if ignored, lead to serious results, and is indicative of fever, green, and any kind of soft, easily-digested food is good, and bran mash with hot water, or better yet, flaxseed tea, are very useful.

The Wheat Crop.

There is abundant evidence that in nearly all parts of the United States, where winter wheat is raised, that there will be a very short crop. At best it cannot exceed 225,000,000 bushels, which is 325,000,000 less than last year.

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Separating Cream from Milk.

In a series of experiments by Prof. Ford of England, as reported in the Agricultural Gazette, London, the following conclusions may be drawn: It was found that the yield of butter grew less the lower the temperature of the milk before setting.

Prof. Ford gives two general conclusions: 1. Shaking of the milk before setting is detrimental to a rapid separation of the cream. Of two samples of milk, one being shaken before set, the latter required eight hours to separate 7 per cent of cream, the time required

by the other to separate the same quantity being only three hours.

2. Premature cooling of the milk before setting is more serious in its effect upon a thorough separation than the first mentioned. When milk conveyed to a creamery in a common vehicle by centrifugal separation gave 100 pounds of butter, a sample of milk of the same quantity and quality conveyed in the same manner, and set in ice-water, gave 90.8 pounds, while an other sample that had been cooled, transported as before, and then set in ice-water, gave only 87.9 pounds.

Strawberries.

There has been a bountiful crop this year, and nearly all of the larger cities have been amply supplied. In the flush of the season they have been so plenty that the price scarcely justified picking and marketing. It is probable not sufficient arrangements were made for shipping the surplus to deficient places.

But now is the time for the busy man to set out strawberry plants. They do very well any time in July and August. The sooner now, the better. But in hot weather great care must be exercised.

Then the farmer becomes discouraged and disgusted at what he considers the great difficulty in raising strawberries. But have your wits about you, and go to the work sensibly, studying the nature of plant life and growth.

We want to see the time when all of our farm houses will be amply supplied with all of the small fruits which can be successfully grown in Iowa. But this will not be until a large amount of missionary work is done.

Summer Seeding to Grass.

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Slow Eating.

The idea of rest and recreation and deliberation in eating no longer occupies the thought of the American boy, much less of the business man. Yet the power of one's life depends as much upon this as upon any one conduct of life.

of this part of the apparatus to do it part does not involve immediate loss of power or bed ridden sickness, but it is a more frequent limitation upon the life than any other disability. A thorough digestion not only leaves the mind clear and the nervous system placid, but so provides the physical and mental machinery with its propelling power as to make thought as natural as if it were a physical function.

Sick Room Cooking.

Bran Tea—Take one pound of bran, pour over it one quart of boiling water; let it stand till cold; strain it, and take a glassful at any time.

Hop Tea—Take two ounces of hops, and pour over them one quart of boiling water; let it stand ten minutes; then set it to the fire, and just bring it to the boil; then strain and bottle it for use; a wineglass to be taken every morning fasting.

Island Moss Jelly—Take half a pound of Iceland moss; put it in a saucepan with three pints of cold water; let it gently simmer by the fire two hours; whilst it is simmering add the juice and rind of a lemon, and half a pound of lump sugar; when it begins to boil take care to skim it well; then strain it through a fine tammy and set it aside to cool.

A Cure for Sore Throat—Take a teaspoonful of black currant jam or jelly; put it in a tumbler and fill up the tumbler with boiling water. Take this several times in the day, and drink whilst hot.

A Poultice for Inflammation—Take half a pound of linseed meal; mix with it a teaspoonful of castor oil and a teaspoonful of laudanum; pour over it sufficient boiling water to make it into a thick paste; spread it on a large piece of linen; then sprinkle over a teaspoonful of raw mustard; lay over that a thin piece of muslin, and apply as hot as it can be borne.

Honey and Milk—Take a quarter of a pound of honey; put it in a saucepan with a quart of water; then put it on the fire, and stir until it becomes quite thick, and absorbs all the water; then put it in basin for use; then take one large tablespoonful of the prepared honey, put it in a saucepan with half a pint of milk, a teaspoonful of castor sugar, and a little grated nutmeg; make all boil; pour into a basin, and serve hot.

Digestible Biscuits—Take one pound of brown flour, then put it in a basin; add a pinch of salt; put two ounces of butter in a saucepan; add to it half a pint of water and make it boil; mix it quite stiff; then roll it out with pasteurizers, and bake ten minutes.

Hot fomentations are very useful in many diseases and at this season of the year are especially so in the treatment of bowel complaints.

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daughters to be able to work, talk and act like honest, sensible young women, is the special task of all mothers, and in the industrial ranks there is imposed, also, the prime obligation of learning to respect household work for its own sake, and the comfort and happiness it will bring in the future.

See What Tom Reads.

Mrs. H. Annette Peole, in Good House Keeping.

You will find it a very hard task to keep the sight and sound of bad reading away from Tom. It is everywhere. If he does not see it at home some of his school-mates will have their pockets filled with it. Any quantity of stories bearing such fascinating titles as "The Madman of the North Pole," or "The Boy Mazzeppa of the Arctic Seas," which is an actual title, can be purchased for five cents each, and in many cases the buyers will dispose of them after perusal, for two cents. Broad-sides containing wonderful pictures, and the opening chapters of such tales are weekly distributed by enterprising newsdealers.

Church Attendance Diminishing.

According to statistics gathered by a church paper, not more than 5 per cent. of American artisans in cities habitually attend religious services of any kind. All but two of the letters say that the attendance is diminishing, and all but one that the neglect is not from unbelief in Christianity.

Concerning Collars.

Pittsburg Dispatch.—The paper collar is a thing of the past. A few old-fashioned and impecunious young men still cling to pasteboard neckwear, but most people who wear collars now use linen. The paper collar had its points, however, it was always ready for use, and a man wasn't so dependent on his washerwoman as he is now.

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