

THE SACRED THIRTIETH DAY OF MAY.

When Columbia Chants the Praises and Decorates the Graves of Her Dead Heroes.



AFTER THIRTY YEARS

ATURE was in her gentlest mood. The sunset was gorgeous, the air clear and light, and the pretty cottage home of Widow Morton looked as a place, yet its occupant sat at the vine-covered window, and, sad and depressed.

The morrow was Decoration Day, and that was for her always an occasion of subdued sorrow. Muddled with memories of the hero she faithfully mourned, however, was now a fresh and therefore more poignant grief, and when she arose and went out into the little garden the sacred, tender emotions that always hallowed this season were clouded by the intrusion of a trouble scarcely her own.

In the great cemetery rested her husband—a patriot who had turned the tide of a great battle by his heroism, and who for twenty years after the war had been the pride of the little community in which he lived. How faithfully she mourned him the carefully nurtured flowers always gathered on the eve of the coming morn, and, as now, told to every neighbor, who, with her, revered the memory of a true man and a brave soldier.

"Poor Barry!" she murmured, lifting her tear-filled eyes, and glancing anxiously down the road. "It will break his heart when he knows—when he knows!" When he knows—what? Widow Morton looked across the valley to where a stately summer home reared its turrets, as if to silently answer the question.

The place had been occupied by a stranger since February. She was the banker, who had brought his only child, a daughter of 18, and his servants thither early in the year, tired of the city season. He had come down to Lupton only once.

ationally during the past three months, but winsome Eleanor Morse had been there all the time, and had become the favorite of the village.

The favorite of Barry, her Barry, Widow Morton's Barry, as well. The widow had given her heart to a struggling young village physician. She, Mrs. Morse, had learned that afternoon of an angry scene at the mansion, in which the purse-proud Morse had told his child he would rather see her dead than the wife of a nameless, penniless country doctor, and they were packing up now to leave Lupton forever.

LOVE CONQUERS ALL.

When the young man direct me—I am looking for the home of Dr. Morton?" The widow looked up. Then her heart began to tremble. She knew that speaker, though he did not know her—the great man from the city.

She saw in his nervous, suppressed manner the anger that was ready to flash forth at night, and she knew that his mission—he had come to parry bitter words with the young man who had stolen his daughter's heart.

"Will you not come in and wait for him?" The banker twined his great white chain furiously, reflected impatiently, nodded with courtesy. Then as she showed him into the neat sitting room and placed her flowers on a table, and a sword and a belt above it told their own story, a token of sudden interest came into the visitor's eyes.

"You—you are a soldier's widow, madam?" He inquired, almost reverently. "Yes, there is my hero!" She was heart full, and, pointing to a picture on the wall, she left the room.

No Oath Needed. It is a pleasing sight, albeit a sad one, to see the veterans of battle and campaigns keeping time to the music by which they once marched to fight for the Stars and Stripes. Then those men were the

fire and flush of first youth; now they emanate their speech with a crutch. A story is told of a man who was in court as a witness in a case at litigation, and who was ordered by the judge to hold up his hand and be sworn. He held up his left hand.

WE HAVE SWEET TEETH.

How the Little Warblers Are Lured to Their Doom in Tennessee. Although the production of beet sugar in the United States has never fulfilled the high hopes Claus Spreckels once had of that industry, yet the statistics issued by the Department of Agriculture show that it is by no means to be despised. The increase in production, if nothing else, commands attention. In 1895-96 the United States produced 30,000 tons of beet sugar and in 1896-97 it produced 40,000 tons. If the beet root sugar of Europe were left out of the calculation the United States would be to-day the second sugar producing country of the world and Java would be the first. Last year the United States produced 315,000 tons of sugar and Java 495,000 tons. Poor Cuba used to be the world's great source of supply for cane sugar. In 1894-95 Cuba produced 1,040,000 tons; last year she produced only 100,000 tons. So great is the production of beet root sugar in Europe, however, that it has been able to supply without effort the remarkable deficiency in the world's sugar crop caused by the Cuban war. In 1896-97 no less than 4,900,000 tons of beet root sugar were produced in Europe. Germany alone producing 1,800,000 tons. Last year the people of the United States ate up no less than 1,900,000 tons of sugar. Americans have the sweetest teeth of any people in the world, except the English. The consumption of sugar in the United States averages 62.6 pounds per capita and in England 86 pounds. In Serbia there is the smallest consumption per capita, each person averaging only four pounds a year.

The sugar cane was introduced into America soon after the discovery, and its cultivation rapidly spread over all those parts of the New World adapted to its growth.

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No More Indian Soldiers. The last of the Indian companies of the United States army, stationed at Fort Sill, O. T., is to be disbanded. This marks the end of the effort to make efficient soldiers out of the warlike aborigines of the frontier. At first the experiment bade fair to be successful. Several companies, both of cavalry and infantry, were organized in command of white officers who had manifested particular friendliness for the Indians. The young braves liked the beauty of uniform, and prized the intricacies of military evolutions. They became men of mark in their tribes. But soon the rigid discipline and the enforced absence from their homes and families became irksome. They began to neglect their duties and to appear first indifferent, then sullen and mutinous. One by one the Indian troops and companies have been disbanded until there remained only the command at Fort Sill, composed of fifty of Geronimo's Apache warriors. Though they will cease to wear the uniform of the United States, these Indians will not leave the military service. They will probably be retained, as other former soldiers have been, as scouts, in which capacity the red braves have had ample experience in our Indian wars, and, indeed, have proven themselves indispensable auxiliaries.—Boston Journal.

Ants With Human Habits. The German traveler Von Ihering has discovered in Brazil a species of ants which have photographic, and winter resorts. In winter they live on the ground, in summer in big nests constructed on trees, in order to escape the danger of inundation when the snow melts and the rivers rise.

Some English reporters now take notes at night by the light of a tiny incandescent lamp attached to the waistcoat.

THE FARM AND HOME

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO FARMER AND HOUSEWIFE.

Remarkable Decrease in the Number of Meat Animals—Proper Use of Farm Implements—Grease Will Destroy the Horn Fly.

Decrease in Live Stock. The annual report of the Department of Agriculture showing the number of head of live stock in the country on Jan. 1, 1897, exhibits a remarkable decrease in all meat animals. The supply of "other cattle" is placed at 30,502,000, a smaller number than in any year since 1885. The number of sheep is stated to be 36,119,000, which is lower than at any time since 1878. The number of swine is placed at 40,000,000, which is lower than at any time since Jan. 1, 1881. The total number of all kinds of meat animals is placed at 123,896,000. The number has not been so low since Jan. 1, 1881. The number of milk cows is placed at 15,942,000, a shortage of 135,586 as compared with a year ago, but it is a smaller number than there has been in the country since Jan. 1, 1889. The big year in milk cows was 1895, when they numbered 18,504,529. The big year in "other cattle" was 1892, when they numbered 36,551,239; 1884 was the big year in sheep, when the number was 50,636,629; 1892 was the big hog year, the number being 52,490,018. There was also the big year in meat animals of all kinds, when the aggregate was 151,403,974.

Right Use of Implements. The right use of the plow, the subsoiler, the roller, the drag and the harrow is one of the great problems of the farm, the Southern Cultivator properly remarks. Intelligent practice upon all points must vary according to locality and season. And after all, we do not mean to convey the idea that it is ever possible for the farmer to know absolutely the right thing to do, but a keen and intelligent observation will tell him about what is right nine times out of ten. It is a little leverage upon ordinary farm practice. The farmer ought always to keep this fact in view, that sure prosperity is ever awaiting the man who is a notch ahead of the rank and file of his fellows in his every-day practice. Try to be prepared for any conditions, favorable or unfavorable, and make the most of them.

Grease to Destroy Horn Fly. The horn fly, unknown to cattle breeders until within a few years, is now widely spread, and its attacks need to be counteracted in every locality. The best preventive is to apply grease pretty thoroughly around the head and neck of the animal, and then sponge the animal along its back, sides and legs with kerosene emulsion. Enough of the grease will remain after the water has dried away to repel the fly. It breeds in the fresh excrement of cattle, and if this is broken to pieces so that it quickly dries, many of the eggs will fall to hatch, at least will not reach maturity as a fly.

A New Butter Package. A descriptive given, in an Australian paper, of a package which is said to do away with the necessity of cold storage of butter. The butter is first packed in a box made of ordinary glass, the corners being fastened with gummed paper. A layer of plaster of paris about one inch thick is placed over the glass box, and the brick is then wrapped in a paper especially prepared for the purpose. As the gypsum is a non-conductor of heat, it is claimed that butter so packed is not injured by any changes of temperature. Butter packed in this manner in Melbourne was sent to South Africa, about 700 miles, and arrived in the same condition as when shipped. The cost of this method of packing is said not to exceed 2 cents per pound of butter. The butter is sent as common freight, which results in a great saving of expense.—Kansas Farmer.

Minor Dairying Matters. There are small matters, or minor details, connected with dairymaking which attract no attention. The manner in which a cow is milked may influence her yield. At the Wisconsin Experiment Station milking one test at a time and weighing the milk drawn from each test was tested, and the order which was milked was changed at each milking until each test had its turn of being milked first and last. It was found that the test that was milked last gave less milk than the others. The claim is that the gland had been excited to action and the milking delayed, which gave the result as mentioned.

Best Feed Corn. Every grower of seed corn is made for which extraordinary claims are mentioned, as much as 200 bushels per acre being given as the result of tests with such varieties. It is best not to use new varieties of such corn except with a packet of a few seeds, as corn that produces well in some sections will fail elsewhere. The best seed corn to use is the variety known to be well adapted to your land until by experiment something better is found. Corn that will thrive on heavy soils may not give good results on sandy land, hence the importance of being very careful in the variety selected.

Time to Sell Lambs. The time to sell young lambs is when they weigh about after pounds each, live weight. They will lose from twelve to sixteen pounds when killed and dressed. Those who have had no experience in marketing choice young lambs should employ an expert at first, as the manner of preparing for market largely affects the price. If the lambs are not fat keep them a while longer and feed them an abundance, using cornmeal and ground oats largely. Early lambs may bring from \$5 to \$8, according to quality.

Pruning Trees. Early summer is a good time to prune trees, provided the pruner is a person of good judgment. Weak, half-dressed branches should be cut out. The adults more light and air to the healthier leaves and branches, which are rendered more healthy and vigorous by not having to congest with the poorer class.—Mechan's Monthly.

WARMTH FOR COMFORT.

An old cat loves a sunny corner and a long nap, and this is natural and wise. The genial warmth of the sun hurls to rest, and while asleep, it may be curative to the cat's few ailments. Soreness and stiffness come upon us suddenly and put the machinery of the body out of gear. St. Jacobs Oil goes suddenly to work upon the trouble, and with its warmth, like warmth to the old cat, it lulls the pain to sleep, drives out the cold, softens stiff joints, muscles, lubricates the machinery, and in a short time puts the whole body in good working order. Soreness and stiffness are not much to cure by the use of St. Jacobs Oil, but, if neglected, they take the form of rheumatism which gives a great deal more pain.

Strengthening Cheshbrough. It is stated that 1,000,000 francs are shortly to be expended upon new defense works on the island of Pelee, at Cheshbrough.

A DANGEROUS LETHARGY. The forerunner of a train of evils, which too often culminates fatally, is inactivity, or lethargy. It is the enemy of the body, and it is the enemy of the mind. It is the enemy of the blood, and it is the enemy of the soul. It is the enemy of the body, and it is the enemy of the mind. It is the enemy of the blood, and it is the enemy of the soul.

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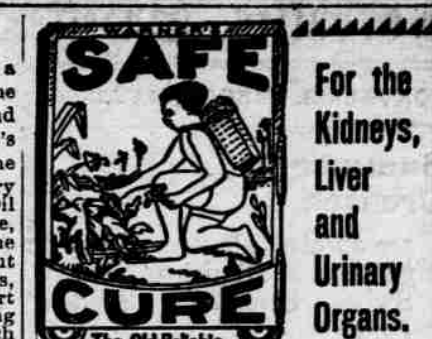
Little Amber Now. "Is that real amber?" asked the man as he held up a pipe before the dealer. The pipe was a handsome briarwood one and it had a clear amber mouthpiece nearly three inches long. The price mark was three dollars and a half.

Legal Status of Dogs. The owner of a valuable Newfoundland dog in New Orleans sought damages from a railroad company for killing it. The case turned on the validity of an act of the Louisiana legislature, recognizing dogs as personal property only when placed upon a passenger train. The supreme court sustains the law and refuses damages, since the dog was not assessed, incidentally defining the law in regard to dogs in general as follows: "The very fact that they are without protection of the criminal laws shows that property in dogs is of an imperfect or qualified nature, and that they stand, as it were, between animals ferae naturae, in which, until subdued, there is no property, and domestic animals, in which the right of property is complete. They are not considered as being upon the same plane with horses, cattle, sheep and other domestic animals, but rather in the category of cats, monkeys, parrots, singing birds and similar animals kept for pleasure, curiosity or caprice. Unlike domestic animals, they are useful neither as beasts of burden, for draft, nor for food."

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