

AGRICULTURAL.

The man who in these days buys trees from the tree peddler deserves to be treated.

Some families of Jerseys are no better than "scrubs," and a poor Jersey bull in neighborhood will spoil the reputation of the breed.

Dakota farmers are growing flax for the first time this summer. It is said a ton of flax straw is worth more to burn than a ton of soft coal.

It is remarked that "the various details and processes in dairying may be compared to a chain which is no stronger than the weakest link."

The cultivation of any crop that will completely shade the land, such as cabbage, squash, corn-fodder grown thick, will kill every root of witch grass in one season.

Counterfeit butter if ruled out of all the public institutions of Paris by the authorities, it having been found not to satisfactorily fill the place of butter with the sick.

Small chickens should never be kept mixed with old ones; they are apt to be cured. Have two or three yards and separate them according to size and strength.

Clean out all the rose bushes by taking away the old wood and then orienting the stronger shoots one-third. The growth and appearance will be greatly improved thereby.

Young chickens need animal food. When it fails to do them good it is in consequence of the common fault of over-feeding. They cannot bear large quantities of rich food.

Early gardening lengthens the growing season and permits at times of two crops on the same land, as turnips may follow peas, and time is thereby gained by putting in late crops.

Do not plant the stumps of cabbage to grow seed from. You may thereby get cabbage seed that cost nothing, but like most other things got without expense it will be worth even less than its cost.

England buys \$19,252,884 out of the \$2,895,824 worth of bacon we export; of which, \$2,455,983 worth of the \$3,231,497; nearly half of the \$3,462,538 of pork and about one-third of our surplus lard.

Hybrid perpetual roses should be well pruned back and old weak shoots should be cut out entirely. The strong shoots should not be left longer than three or four buds or joints from the base.

Cows which give most and richest milk need most careful feeding, and excessive stimulation of milk glands causes garget and often milk fever. Many a valuable Jersey cow has been destroyed by trying to force an unnatural butter yield.

Vegetable and animal lives in no way differ in principle; there is a perfect analogy between the two. All plants possess real life—they eat, drink, feel, sleep, breathe and secrete—in short, perform all the functions of supply, repair, development and reproduction.

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STUNG TO DEATH.

The Fate of the Big Brown Bear of Alaska in Mosquito Season.

A fair wind one day made me think it possible to take a hunt inland, but to my disgust it died down after I had proceeded two or three miles, and my fight back to camp with the mosquitoes I shall always remember as one of the salient points of my life.

It seemed as if there was an upward rain of insects from the grass that became a deluge over marshy tracts—and more than half the ground was marshy.

Of course not a sign of any game was seen, except a few old tracks; and the tracks of an animal are about the only part of it that could exist here in the mosquito season, which lasts from the time the snow is half off the ground until the first severe frost, a period of some three or four months.

During that time every living creature that can leave the valleys ascends the mountains, closely following the snow line, and even there peace is not completely attained, the exposure to the winds being of far more benefit than the coyness due to the altitude, while the mosquitoes are left undisputed masters of the valleys, except for a few straggling animals on their way from one range of mountains to the other.

Had there been any game, and had I obtained a fair shot, I honestly doubt if I could have secured it, owing to these pests; not altogether on account of their ravenous attacks upon my face, and especially the eyes, but for the reason that they were so absolutely dense that it was impossible to see clearly through the mass in taking aim.

When I got to camp I was thoroughly exhausted with my incessant fight, and completely out of breath, which I had to regain as best I could in a stifling smoke from dry, resinous pine knots.

A traveler who had spent a summer on the lower Yukon, where I did not find the pests so bad on my journey as on the upper river, was of the opinion that a nervous person without a mask would soon be killed by nervous prostration, unless he were to take refuge in midstream. I know that the native dogs are killed by the mosquitoes under certain circumstances, and I heard reports which I believe to be well founded, both from Indians and trustworthy white persons, that the great brown bear—erroneously but commonly called the grizzly—of these regions is at times compelled to succumb to these insects.

The statement seems almost preposterous, but the explanation is comparatively simple. Bruin, having exhausted all the roots and berries of one mountain, or finding them scarce, thinks he will cross the valley to another range, or perhaps it is the odor of salmon washed up along the river's banks that attracts him.

Covered with a heavy fur on his body, his eyes, nose and ears are the vulnerable points for mosquitoes, and here of course they congregate in the greatest numbers. At last, when he reaches a swampy stretch, they rise in myriads, until his forepaw is kept so busy, as he strives to keep his eyes clear of them, that he can not walk, whereupon he becomes enraged, and, bear-like, raises upon his haunches to fight.

It is now a mere question of time until the bear's eyes become so swollen from innumerable bites as to render him perfectly blind, when he wanders helplessly until he gets mired in the mud and starves to death.—From Lieut. Schwatka's "Alaska."

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A PUZZLED PROFESSION.

The history of Rheumatism and many of the attempts to cure it, form one of the strangest records in the annals of disease. Rheumatism is one of the most persistent and obstinate of all diseases.

One of the chief fallacies in attempts to cure rheumatism has been administering local treatment as if it were a disease confined to particular spots.

The one thing to be remembered in dealing with rheumatism is that anybody who has this unpleasant disease has it "all over." It is a disease of the blood, and it pervades the whole system.

Therefore the whole system needs purifying and vitalizing. Is not this reasonable?

Next, remember that there is one great vitalizing agent. It has been before the world a number of years—long enough to be thoroughly tested. The hosts of strong and healthy persons who once were sufferers but have been made sound and happy by Compound Oxygen, cheerfully testify as to the power and success of this great vitalizing agent.

Quietly, easily and surely it does its work, driving out of the blood those elements which have caused the mischief, renewing, purifying, and restoring to a new and enjoyable life.

Among many others who have been restored to health by Compound Oxygen, after suffering protracted agony from rheumatism, may be mentioned the cases of Mrs. Bair of Philadelphia, and Miss Winfree of Lynchburg, Va. For years these ladies have been martyrs to rheumatism in its most painful forms.

The story of their recovery will be found in a brochure published by Drs. STARKEY & PALLEN 15 B Arch St., Philadelphia, which they send free to any address on application.

Orders for the Compound Oxygen Home Treatment will be filled by H. A. Mathews, 615 Powell Street, San Francisco.

At Batavia, N. Y., A. Scharf shot and killed W. Enright with a musket loaded only with wad of paper.

IT ASTONISHED THE PUBLIC To hear of the resignation of Dr. Pierce as a Congressman to devote himself solely to his labors as a Physician.

It was because his true constituents were the sick and afflicted everywhere. They will find Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" a beneficent use of his scientific knowledge in their behalf.

Consumption, bronchitis, cough heart disease, fever and ague, intermittent fever, dropsy, neuralgia, colic or thick neck, and all diseases of the blood are cured by this world-renowned medicine. Its properties are wonderful, its action magical. By druggists.

Vermont Prohibitionists have placed a full State ticket in nomination.

AN APPEAL TO BEAUTY. When you into your mirror look, When you see a face divinely fair,

With laughing eyes and rosy cheeks, With dimpled chin and gossy hair, Think you this beauty e'er will last,

That youth will ever be your friend, That sad neglect of Nature's laws Will not to beauty bring an end!

Be not deceived—Be wise in time; And ere that o'ery face is paled, Use now and always Davidson's Circassian Bloom, which never failed.

SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE. J. W. Graham, Wholesale Druggist, of Austin, Tex., writes: "I have been handling DR. WM. HALL'S BALM FOR THE LUNGS for the past year, and have found it one of the most salable medicines I have ever had in my house for coughs, Colds, and even Consumption, always giving entire satisfaction. Please send me another gross."

The California Legislature is now convened in special session.

"Say why is everything either at sixes or at sevens? Probably, my dear nervous sister, because you are suffering from some of the diseases peculiar to your sex: You have a "dragging-down" feeling the back-ache, you are debilitated you have pains of various kinds. Take Dr. R. V. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" and be cured. Price reduced to one dollar. By druggists.

Westport, Oregon, was recently visited by a \$50,000 fire.

A WISE REFORM. The habit of administering quinine in powerful doses, as an antidote to malarial maladies, was once dangerously common.

Happily this practice has undergone a wide reform. Not only the public, but professional men have adopted, not wholly, of course, but largely, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as a safe botanical substitute for the pernicious alkaloid.

The consequences of this change are most important. Now fever and ague sufferers are cured—formerly their complaints were only the time relieved, and half cured—the remedy eventually failing to produce any appreciable effect, except the doses were increased. A course of the Bitters, persistently followed, breaks up the worst attack and prevents their return.

The evidence in favor of this sterling specific and household medicine is of an ambiguous character, but positive and satisfactory, and the sources whence it proceeds are very numerous.

Coughs.—"Brown's Bronchial Troches" are a sure remedy for Coughs and sore Throat. 25 cts. a box.

Get Lynn's Patent H. el Stiffen-ers applied to the new boots and they will never run over.

Dr. Henley's Cery, Beef and Iron cures Neuralgia and Nervous Headaches.

Go to Towne & Moore when in Portland for best Photographic and Crayon work.

If a cough disturbs your sleep, take Piso's Cure for Consumption and rest well.

Direct to consumers. In all goods for personal or family use. Tells how to order, and gives exact cost of everything you see, eat, drink, wear, or have fun with. These INVALUABLE BOOKS contain information gleaned from the markets of the world. We will mail a copy FREE to any address upon receipt of 10 cts. to defray expense of mailing. Let us hear from you. Respectfully,

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When I say cure I do not mean merely to stop them in a moment and then have them return again. I mean a real and lasting cure. I have tried a number of different remedies, but I was disappointed in all of them. I was told to try Dr. R. V. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" and I will cure you. I will cure you. I will cure you. I will cure you.

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PERILS OF INFANCY.

"Doctor, why is it that so many children die before the age of 5 years?"

"The subject is a complex one, and in its analysis we have to consider not only the various conditions surrounding the infant, but the still more important one of the latent tendency to disease.

The fashionable mother, the self-indulgent father, hand down to their children overwrought nervous systems and weak physical powers, which result in early death, or more often a life of protracted feebleness.

Very little of the common sense which is exercised in the rearing and preserving of choice stock exists in relation to the human animal. It would require too long a time to enter into all the questions of heredity which influence the fate of the child.

They are, however, of vital importance both to the individual and to the race. That the race is gaining in intellectual capacity is an undoubted fact; but we are losing just as much or more in physical power.

We see no such robust forms, such perfect development of the muscular system as existed fifty years ago. We are breeding children in and in, and every generation will witness smaller and smaller infants, who will at the same time have more delicate nervous organizations, and, as a result, more nervous diseases.

Add to this the enervating environment, the houses, the sleeping apartments, the nurses and attendants who govern its food and raiment, and we may easily imagine the result in the feebleness of the infant.

"Gill Blas writes: 'My troubles commenced just twelve months before I was born,' and the same assertion may be made of the children of to-day. For healthy, strong offspring, there must be healthy, strong parents.