

THINGS PERTAINING TO THE FARM AND HOME.

Best Way to Clean Roosts—Proper Distribution of Labor—Cow Peas and Corn—Rolling Down the Grain—Use for Old Farm Wagons.

Cleaning Roosts. The proper way to clean a roost is to first carry everything out of doors, roost poles, nest boxes and loose boards. Cover with oil and apply a match. If the wood takes fire it can be put out by throwing sand on it.

Distribution of Labor. It is claimed that we have not yet reached that stage of progress where an acre of land will support a cow one year; that is, without purchasing other food than that grown on the land; yet it is done in Europe, because every square inch of the land is utilized and kept up to the highest degree of fertility.

Cow Peas and Corn. Cow peas may be broadcasted, and, as they grow rapidly, will soon cover the ground. They are bushy in growth, and stand up firmly. If cut for ensilage just when the pods are forming, they make a cheap and valuable addition to the contents of the silo, or may be plowed under as a green manure crop.

Rolling Down Grain. One of the first things to be done after the snow is off the ground is to run the farm roller over the newly seeded ground of the previous year. This will not only press down into the soil stems thrown up by last winter's freezing, but it will compact the soil around the roots of clover, which may have been lifted by the same means.

Old Farm Wagons. No really good farming is possible without good wagons. An old broken-down wagon, with tires always likely to come loose and axles or wheels sure to break whenever an unusual strain comes upon either, is perhaps the most expensive piece of property a farmer can have on his farm.

Breeding Fancy Poultry. The breeding of fancy poultry is a science. First of all, the fancier must have firmly fixed in his mind the shape of the variety that he intends to devote his time and energy to, then the carriage of this variety, and lastly the plumage. Breeding for color is a very fascinating sport, but one must not become so interested in it as to lose sight of the foundation of the breed, i. e., its shape.

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The last day a constitution and by-laws for a permanent organization was reported, and, after some discussion, adopted. The name chosen was the Mining and Irrigation Congress; object, to promote and foster mining and irrigation enterprises and other kindred industries; the officers to be a president, a vice-president from each state, who shall choose the secretary and treasurer; the meetings to be held annually, at a time and place to be selected by the congress; the congress to be composed of delegates from Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Montana, California and Nevada, to be appointed as follows:

When it came to selecting a place for the next meeting, J. F. Batcher named Portland as the commercial and financial metropolis of the Northwest, where facilities for accommodating a great gathering and for a display of mining machinery and methods of reducing ores could be found.

Portland was made the unanimous choice. The time for holding the next meeting was fixed for the first Tuesday in December, 1898, after a long discussion, bringing out reasonable demands of placer and quartz mining and irrigation farming and after reference to a committee of three whose report was adopted.

The governors of California, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana will be asked to make appointments for their respective states. A committee presented resolutions to the effect that only questions pertaining to mining and irrigation should be discussed before the congress; urging immediate action for a mineral exhibit at the Trans-Mississippi exposition from the several states represented in the congress; acknowledging appreciation of and extending hearty thanks to the citizens of Baker City for the many courtesies and attentions received.

Captain Robley D. Evans, who goes into command of the war ship Iowa, vice Captain Sampson, has no rival for popularity in Washington, or in the navy department. The captain is quoted as having said recently that if he had his way "there would be nothing but Spanish talked in — for the next five years." Evans was in command of the Yorktown during the late trouble with Chile, and he wanted to blow Valparaiso off the earth because of the insults put upon America by the citizens of that town.

The town of Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania, was named in 1741 by a party of Moravians, who assembled in a barn, where the town is located to celebrate Christmas. The United States general appraiser has rendered a decision that handkerchiefs with an embroidered initial letter do not come under the head of unbordered handkerchiefs liable to a duty of 50 per cent ad valorem, but are liable to a duty of only 40 per cent.

ALABASTINE IS WHAT? Alabastine is a durable and natural coating for walls and ceilings entirely different from all kalsominer preparations, made from white, white and beautiful tint by the simple addition of water (water makes being adapted to mix with cold water) put up in dry powder form in pound packages, with full directions on every package.

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Want to Feel What They Are Eating. The inhabitants of Sikas, Turkey, owing to the oppression of the tax gatherer, who, the more industries he finds them the more he demands, and that out of proportion to the means, have no ambition to lead other than a hand-to-mouth existence. Their principal food is made from unsifted whole wheat, that has been threshed on the ground by means of a drag drawn repeatedly over it by oxen, and usually has a large admixture of dirt and stones. The people prefer this to fine grade flour, because they say they can feel their feet eating something.

GREAT BENEVOLENCES. In the great cities of the United States the condition of the metropolitan poor is constantly being ameliorated by the grand benevolences of wealthy people. Sanitary reforms are frequently suggested and carried out with energy and intelligence. Among sanitary reformers those produced by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters in dyspeptic stomach, disordered liver, nervous system are very conspicuous.

HONORING A DEAD CAT. The most novel incident that ever occurred here was the funeral of Old Bill, the favorite old cat of the town, says a correspondent of the New York World, writing from College Corner, O. A pretty basket, covered with black cloth and lined with blue satin, and having the usual outside trimmings, with a large name-plate, inscribed "Old Bill," was made, and the old pet laid in state in his last nest. He was the property of Barkley, the druggist, and the pet of the entire inhabitants. At the drug store, where he lay in state, hundreds of people viewed the remains, and many brought flowers as a last token of their friendship. The body was taken in a carriage by the immediate friends to the grave in the rear of Barkley's residence lot, where it was buried with more care and solemnity than many humans receive.

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Prince of Wales is about to be elected grand master of the English Free Masons for the 34th time. This breaks the record of his predecessor, George IV. Hugh and Hector McLean are 88 years of age, are twins, were born in North Carolina, have lived in their lives in which they were born all their lives and have never had a quarrel. Heidelberg chemical students are compelled to take accident insurance policies ranging in cost from 24 cents for the outlookers to 75 cents for the experimenters. In the spring cleanse your system by using Dr. Plunder's Oregon Blood Purifier. The oldest living clergyman of the Church of England, the Rev. Edward Allen, of Tiverton, Devon, recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

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