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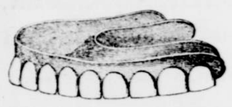

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CLEAN MILK.—The important question of cleanliness in connection with milk has not had the amount of attention devoted to it that it deserves. In fact, we may go so far as to say it is absolutely indispensible if we are to secure the best results. Milk is a very peculiar product, and exceedingly delicate. If it is not taken proper care of, it very quickly becomes worthless, except as food for pigs. It is singularly susceptible of being injured if it is placed in a room the atmosphere of which is tainted by any strong odor; it has the property of absorbing such odor, after which, cheese or butter made from it will be more or less injured by the odor which the milk has previously absorbed. Hence it follows that all rooms in which milk is placed ought to be free from vitiated air, and far enough away from the cow sheds themselves, from piggeries, and the like; and the room itself, the floor, the walls, and the vessels, should be kept scrupulously clean. Milk is frequently much injured by milkers' dirty hands, and by cows' unclean udders.

DOGS AND SHEEP.—"For two years in succession dogs have killed our sheep. The tax on dogs annually collected in each town is set apart to pay the damages they cause. The damages so far exceed the awards that several years will elapse before the tax will pay off claims already audited. Any one who keeps a dog and does not give him three "square" meals a day, ought to be fined. If this were done there would be but very few sheep killed by dogs. Until this is done—or at all events until dogs are better fed—the starving cur will help himself to mutton. He really ought not to be blamed as much as the thoughtless or cruel owner." So speaks the genial Col. Curtis in the N. Y. *Tribune*.

FROST BITTEN.—Frost-bitten plants may be revived if properly treated. The proper way is, when the frost has been partially drawn out of them, naturally, to drench them with cold water from a fine-nosed watering pot, and immediately cover again and let them so remain until they regain their natural color. When they are removed, clip off all such parts as are blackened. As soon as it is discovered that a plant has been touched by frost, remove it to a cool, dark room, and on no account suffer the sun to shine upon it. If they can be covered so as to exclude air as well as light, it is better still. Dahlias and the like need not be removed until the frosts are severe enough to blacken the leaves.

THE *Country Gentleman* says: "The apple tree borers may be destroyed by clearing away the mouth of their holes with the point of a knife, and then thrusting in a copper or other flexible wire to crush them. Of course the earlier this work is done the better, or before they have entered far and badly cut the tree. This work, if faithfully and thoroughly done twice a year, will prove an effectual remedy in all cases where the injury is not too far advanced."

WASHING FLANNELS.—The one thing for which the best servant preserves an animosity is flannels. She will soak them in warm water, and drench them with soda, and reduce them to the condition of boards. To wash flannels nicely, take warm soap suds, use two waters, and soak the flannels in hot water for a few minutes.

GOOD beds for all kinds of domestic animals, during the inclement weather now prevailing, are a prime necessity. The straw, coarse hay, leaves, etc., saved for the purpose can now be profitably utilized. Stables should be kept perfectly dry and sweet and a liberal use of bedding will be productive of good results.

COFFEE tablets: A Frenchman roasts coffee, grinds it to flour, moistens it slightly, mixes it in twice its weight of powdered white sugar, and then presses it into tablets. One of the tablets can be dissolved at any time in hot or cold water, making at once the very perfection of coffee, and it is claimed that it will go much further this way.

MEN of steal—Indian agents.

FASHION NOTES.

Monkey muffs are in common vogue.

The ball and bridal season has begun.

Tulle illusion is the popular bridal veil.

Furry felt hats and bonnets are the most worn.

Fur is much used for bonnet trimming at the moment.

Bridal slippers may be either of white satin or white kid.

Tinted white satins and gauzes are shown for bridal robes.

The latest style of hosiery for children is double over the knee.

The fashionable fur robes for ladies' carriages are in dark colors.

Dark wine and garnet are the favorite colors for children's hosiery.

Patchwork fur house-rugs are sold in some of the leading fur houses.

The most costly silk hose have ovals of real lace inserted in the instep.

Slippers have precedence over boots at the moment for the bridal toilet.

Cream white of the medium shade is the most in favor for bride's dresses.

Satin ribbon is used more than gros grain for bonnet trimmings and strings.

Bridal gloves are of cream or pure-white kid, with from eight to twelve buttons.

Wolverine and black bear robes are used for gentlemen's open wagons and sleighs.

Opaline pearl white is a beautiful and becoming shade for evening silks or satins.

Street costumes grow plainer and plainer. Short, undraped princess dresses with the front of the skirt laid in plaits and the back breadths trimmed with folds of velvet, are made up for walking dresses, with jackets that are almost tight fitting and which are double breasted to the waists and cut away below it The cuffs and collar are perfectly flat, and the effect of the whole costume is trim and elegant. The buttons are of polished wood or of velvet. An elegant basque for house dresses has the center forms of the back lengthened into square tabs, which are trimmed with straight bands of the same material as the vest. The only apparent fastening of the basque is the two buttons which hold the outside together at the waist. The sleeves are small and are trimmed with four flat bands, the uppermost of which comes nearly to the elbow. This basque may be made of blue cashmere with trimmings, and vest of white astrachan and tufts of curled woolen are introduced into the fringe of the tunic. A new in-door garment is of Indian silk, forming a blouse above the belt line and a tight basque below it. It fits very closely on the shoulders, and is trimmed with cascades of Breton lace on the cuffs and down the front.

THE DONATION LAND LAW.—Hon. R. B. Kinne, special agent of the land office of the interior department at Washington, has been detailed to examine all donation applications and proofs now on file in the several land offices in Oregon and Washington Territory, and report their status and condition. He has been instructed to locate all donation claims on the maps and tract books in the local offices, and make copies of all papers appertaining to each claim now on file in the different local land offices in this state and Washington Territory, and have the originals forwarded to the commissioner of the general land office. As there have been many grants and appropriations of public lands to various companies, makes it necessary that all claimants under the donation act passed September 27th, 1850, and the amendments thereto, should examine their proofs and make application for their certificates of patent without further delay, so that their patents may be issued for the land claim. Although nearly thirty years have passed, proof in many cases is incomplete. And nearly all require marriage proof of residence and cultivation. This is a matter of importance, and application for certificates should be made without delay.

SEVEN MILLIONS UNDER ARMS.—In Europe, political economists are tracing hard times to the immense standing armies, which are sustained mainly through the military influence of Germany. It is estimated that the European nations have now 7,500,000 men under arms. These men are non-producers, and are taken from their spheres of daily toil. These men cost on an average $200 per annum, or about four million dollars each day, or a total of fifteen hundred millions of dollars per annum, expended for the services of men who do not add one penny to the production of the world.

A FAMOUS HORSE.—Winchester, the horse that Sheridan rode from "Winchester town," was raised in Yamhill county, in this State, says the Junction City *Republican*, where he was purchased by some admirer of the General. He was then sent East to "cavalry Sheridan," and did good service on the ride made memorable by T. Buchanan Read. This noble horse died recently at his stable in New York. His skin has been elegantly mounted by Prof. Ward, of Rochester, and now adorns the rooms of the United States Military Association in the city of New York.

EDISON is at work on a patent lever. He says he expects to be able to raise anything with it except, possibly, an editor's income.

SCENE IN THE SENATE.

New York, Feb. 3d.—The *Tribune's* Washington special has this on to-day's Senate proceedings: In the middle of Conkling's speech he took from his pocket a large bundle of letters addressed to Arthur, while he was Collector, by different persons whose relations to the Administration are, or were more or less intimate, asking for the appointment of persons in the New York Custom-house for various reasons given. Among the writers of these letters were McCrary, Governor McCormick (when he was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury), Rodgers, the President's Private Secretary, and others.

The scene in the Senate during the reading of these letters was a remarkable one. None such has been witnessed there for years.

Conkling read one letter, asking that Bradley be provided for in the New York Custom-house, because he was a son of Justice Bradley, of the Supreme Court.

"Son of whom?" shouted some Senator.

"Son of Justice Bradley," replied Conkling, in a very loud voice.

"What Justice Bradley is that?" asked another Senator.

"Why, Justice Bradley, of the Electoral Commission," said Mr. Conkling, "and one of the Supreme Court of the United States."

"Oh, ho!" shouted a third Senator, then they wanted to provide for him, did they?"

A similar scene occurred when another letter was read, asking for the appointment of John O. Howard, of Ohio, "who had written the life of President Hayes."

"Whose life is that which he wrote?" shouted a Senator with his hand to his ear.

"Life of the President—President Hayes," responded Conkling with some other remarks which were not complimentary to the head of the Administration; and then there were exclamations of mock surprise and loud laughter in the Senate.

One letter asked for the appointment of a man because he was the writer's wife's sister's son.

Altogether the exhibition which Conkling made of the practice of the administration of the Civil Service was a very humiliating one, and it showed that, while the President may have been trying to reform the Civil Service, he has men around him who to say the least, have had the weakness of ordinary politicians.

O. C. R. R. EXTENSION.—We take the following from the *Oregonian:* The O. C. R. R. Co. have recently contracted for another lot of steel rails at the Philadelphia rolling mills, making, with the amount secured by a former contract, 4,200 tons, amply enough to track the road from St. Joe to Corvallis. Two thousand two hundred tons have already been rolled, and the first ship's cargo is nearly completed, and will soon be on the way to this city. Others to follow with quick dispatch. The Company has also contracted in the East for three locomotives, three passenger coaches and two baggage cars, and for the axles and wheels necessary, in the construction of 80 box cars, which, with the rolling stock and motive power already on the road, will be in ready trim for the work of removing next year's grain crop. Contracts have also been made with Fisher and Steel, of Beaverton, and T. R. Cornelius, of Cornelius, for 183,000 ties, all necessary for the distance of the proposed extension. The locating party is still in the field, and have already definitely located the line to a point some miles south of Amity. The Company is now engaged in acquiring the right of way; and as soon as this matter is settled will commence grading, probably about the 1st of March. The Railroad Company is dealing honestly with the people in this matter, and there can be no doubt but that its representatives are true and that the plans announced will be fully carried out.

PROSPECT OF A RISE IN WHEAT.—Whilst it would not be proper for us to rejoice at the misfortune of others, it is nevertheless a fact that the continuance of the plague in Europe must necessarily accrue to the benefit of the wheat producers of this State. The rigid quarantine precautions taken by Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Turkey and other nations against the Russian plague will be followed by England, as the danger increases two months later than this, and the Russian wheat crop will be virtually shut out of the markets of the world. As Russia is the greatest grain-producing country in Europe, and as quite a number of Powers rely upon Russia for their bread, it is evident that there will be quite a decrease in grain, which alone can only be supplied by the United States.

MINING DISCOVERY.—W. G. Woodward and John Gildersleeve returned lately from a prospecting tour on Cow Creek, having been absent over two weeks. They brought back with them some fine specimens of gold-bearing quartz, taken from a lead which they discovered. The quartz is now being assayed by S. W. Crane, of Roseburg, and we trust it may prove as rich as is expected.—*Star.*

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W. C. GRISWOLD ET AL IN CHANCERY.

Last November the United States recovered a verdict against W. C. Griswold for $35,000. B. F. Dowell, for assisting the United States, under the law, was entitled to one-half the amount recovered.

Sundry motions for a new trial and "the law's delays" prevented the rendition of a judgment on said verdict until about the 11th day of January. In the meantime certain parties doing business in Salem have been obtaining judgments by the consent of Griswold, it is charged, to defeat the claim of the United States. On the 6th of January there were so rendered in the County Court of Marion county, judgments in favor of Ben. Hayden, Wm. H. Holmes and Jas. W. Nesmith, for about $500 each, claimed as attorneys' fees. As to Nesmith, however, it don't appear that he instigated the suit or even swore to the complaint.

Hill, Durham and Thompson also brought suit in the Circuit Court of Marion county for $10,000 for attorneys' fees in one suit, and have obtained a decree for that amount with the assent of Griswold. About this time other judgments were obtained with Griswold's special assent.

The United States Attorney, assisted by A. C. Gibbs and B. F. Dowell, have filed a bill in chancery in the U. S. Circuit Court to set all these judgments aside, so far as the interests of the United States are concerned, and have said judgments in favor of the United States declared a lien upon all of Griswold's property, and that such lien shall have priority over all other judgments.

The suit is brought under Section 3,466, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which substantially says that when the defendant is a bankrupt the United States shall have a priority over all other persons having a knowledge of the claim of the United States.

In this case it is claimed that all of said persons who obtained judgments against Griswold knew that the said verdict of $35,200 had been made, and that they hurried up their cases while said motion for a new trial was pending, to get ahead of the United States; but as it now appears they are not so far ahead as they supposed.—*Bee.*

HELLER'S SECOND SIGHT TRICK.—That feature of his performance consisting of the description by a blindfolded woman on the stage of articles touched by him in the audience was not new with him, but he carried it to a greater degree of mystification than any of his predecessors. The late Mr. Anderson and his daughter used to do it cleverly, and many others have used it with more or less success. The wildest explanatory theories have been gravely advanced, but it is altogether likely that the celebrated French juggler, Robert Houdin, by whom the feat was performed, gave in his autobiography the correct solution. Houdin said that by a complex system of new meanings for letters, syllables and words he was able to tell his confederate on the stage what the articles were, while using language that to the audience conveyed no hidden intelligence. That is to say, a language within a language was constructed so that the question, "What is this?" might mean, "This is a gold ring with one stone." It is easily conceivable that a man of Heller's quick intelligence could, in a dozen years or more of constant practice elaborate such a system to a wonderful extent, and devise variations—like the touching of a few previously arranged articles without saying anything that would mislead a casual observer. One point seemed to prove that he used Houdin's method. He would never permit anybody but himself to put the questions to the blindfolded woman.—*N. Y. Sun.*

SOME TIMBER.—A California exchange thus describes a section of a big redwood tree now on exhibition in San Francisco: "The section is fourteen feet high and eighty feet in circumference, and was cut from a tree 343 feet in hight that was discovered in Tulare county about seventy-five miles east of Visalia, and which was estimated to be 4,840 years old. The work of preparing the section, which is now on exhibition, was commenced in August, 1877, and four men were employed thirteen months in its completion. The section was sawed from the tree some twelve feet from its base, and afterwards hollowed out, leaving an outer wall three feet in thickness. The different parts were then hauled to the railroad, sixty-four horses being used in so doing. It is estimated that the section contains eight hundred cords of wood. This curiosity, as it now stands, furnishes standing room for two hundred persons in the interior. On one side of its inner walls a balcony has been built, upon which a piano and other musical instruments are placed, and from which a musical entertainment is given daily."

IN departing from the Democratic teachings and traditions now workmen are contriving the defeat of their own hopes. The Democratic party is the only party that can successfully redress the grievances of the people, and to Democracy must the country turn for relief.