

Has Man Been so very Long on the Earth?

There has been a tendency among men of science to pass from a profession (so few years ago) of total ignorance to the mode of origin of all living things, to a claim to almost complete knowledge of the whole progress of the universe...

FEMINE MANAGEMENT.—Many families owe their prosperity fully as much to the fact of feminine management as to the knowledge and activity of the father.

Rev. Thomas Williams, of Providence, R.I., who died the 29th of last month, was the oldest living graduate of Yale College. He was born at Pomfret, Conn., and graduated in 1800.

TREATING POOR LAND WITH CLOVER.—Turning down clover as a green crop is highly recommended, and no one can deny that it is good.

When the crop is removed, there is not apparently much soil or grass visible; but the ground, which is more or less bare, is mellow.

clover and ploughing after the seed crop is removed is, that poor land may be employed, and not only put in condition, but highly remunerative crops may be realized for at least a couple of years...

It needs but a "catch," however poor the soil may be, to realize this. Aided by plaster, the ground being dry so that the frost does not lift the plant, you are safe for a fair crop to cut, or for pasture, and a crop of seed to follow.

ALFALFA.—This comparatively new clover, known as alfalfa, is lucerne, slightly modified by the climate of Chili and California. It is a perennial plant—that is, it continues more than two years—and in the State of New York fields of it can be seen where the seed was sown over fifty years ago.

Sow the seed broadcast on very clean land as soon as possible, from ten to twelve pounds of seed to the acre.

Never pasture it or cut it closely the first year, but let it grow enough in the fall to make a good winter protection for the roots.

THE SEED OF ALFALFA, when fresh and good, is yellow, glossy and heavy. If the seeds are white, it is an indication that they are not ripe.

GAMARRA.

Gamarra is a dainty steed, Strong, black, and of a noble breed, Full of fire and full of bone.

Mrs. Hardy's parvula mould trick has again been exposed in Boston. An investigator slyly put coloring matter into the pailful of paraffine from which the spirits were supposed to be made.

Chufa.

In these days a really valuable addition to the stock of the plants that are worthy of general attention is rare. Many so-called new grains, vegetables, trees, &c., are regularly advertised every year, and pushed into unmerited prominence...

The Chufa is generally regarded by those who have seen it as a grass, though correctly speaking it is a sedge, and not a true grass.

Our subject is a native of the south of Europe, and also grows wild in some parts of Africa. It is cultivated in various parts of the Old World—Egypt, Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, &c.

It is only necessary, so those who have tested the matter say, to plant chufas once—indeed, their "staying" qualities are such that they are reported very difficult to eradicate.

How SHE LEARNED THE METHOD.—A paper published in Sacramento, Cal., gives the following: "Yesterday, a young lady called at the counter of the registry department of the postoffice, and asked for the privilege of re-opening a letter which she claimed to have dropped in the box that morning."

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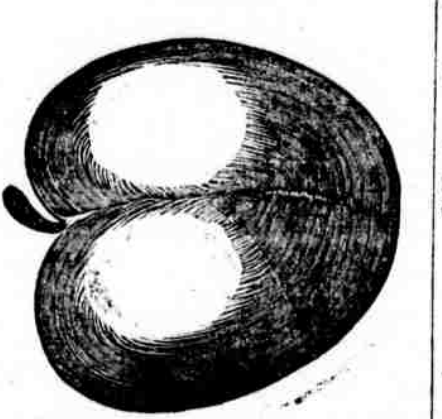
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