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The Future Farmer.

The demand for agricultural information is constantly increasing. The farmer of to-day is far ahead of the last generation in everything that ensures success and promotes happiness.

The time is not far distant it is even now close at hand, when an ignorant farmer will be a rare sight. He will be so far behind the times that he will lose caste among his fellows.

The agriculturist is now rapidly coming to the front and taking rank with the intelligent and educated of other professions.

The prosperity of the United States is so closely bound up by commercial ties with the prosperity of Great Britain that the escape of the latter country from a panic, growing out of the late disastrous failures, must be regarded as a piece of great good fortune for ourselves.

Few have any conception of the magnitude of the trade between China and this country. The year before last that trade at San Francisco included exports of merchandise alone to the value of nearly \$3,000,000.

Major Charles Mahon, of the United States Engineers, has been interested with the active management of the survey of the long projected inland water-way along the Gulf coast, from New Orleans to Florida.

During the last twenty years the practice of business self-dependence has swept on apace, splendor and splendour as with the wind on the day, and has been the vice with which the nation is now so unfortunately afflicted.

CUSTOM RECEIPTS.—The total receipts for the three months ending September 30, which terminated the fiscal quarter, were \$74,815,836, which is an increase of about \$1,500,000 compared with the corresponding quarter of last year.

SALE BACKS.—There is a strange, simple and quiet way to cure sore backs, and all sorts of aches and pains. This is to take a hot, wet towel, and lay it over the sore back, and let it dry.

CURRENT NOTES.

Alligators are used to make compost with in Florida.

Twelve bushels per acre is said to be the average of orchard grass seed in Kentucky this year.

Darrey, the "last survivor" of Napoleon's expedition to Egypt, has just died at Invalides in Paris.

About 1,200 varieties of grasses grow within the limits of the United States. So says Prof. Collyer, of the Agricultural Department at Washington.

During the past year 345,000 cases of salmon, valued at \$1,500,000, were exported from Oregon. This is a decrease of 50,000 cases from the year previous.

English farm laborers receive as pay from \$2 to \$3 per week, including beer. Wages have advanced 10 per cent. within the last five years, and living and clothing 25 to 30 per cent.

The wheat crop of the Northwest, as it is being threshed, is turning out better than was reported, both in quality and quantity. The bears will not get much consolation from this item.

Dean Stanley is said to be the original Arthur who won the heart of Tom Brown at Rugby by kneeling down at his little bed in the presence of a crowd of rough boys and saying his prayers before retiring.

During the last four years the farming interest has extended itself over 22,286,000 acres of land in the United States. Here is a solid fact and a solid assurance of future prosperity that no amount of growling can counteract or combat.

It is said that so acute is the sheep's sense of hearing that she can distinguish the cry of her own lamb among as many as a thousand others all bleating at the same time; and the lamb, too, is able to recognize the mother's voice even though it be in the midst of a large flock.

The New York Herald of the 12th inst. gives its readers a large map of the wonderful Luray caverns, so far as explored, accompanied with a page of description. This palace of beauty is located in Page county, Va., and from all accounts far surpasses the Natural Cave of Kentucky.

Never Too Late to Do Something.

Socrates, at an extreme old age, learned to play on musical instruments.

Cato, at eighty years of age, began to study the Greek language.

Plutarch, when between seventy and eighty, commenced the study of Latin.

Boccaccio was thirty-five years of age when he commenced his studies in light literature; yet he became one of the greatest masters of the Tuscan dialect—Dante and Plutarch being the other two.

Sir Henry Spelman neglected the sciences in his youth, but commenced the study of them when he was between fifty and sixty years of age. After this he became a most learned antiquarian and lawyer.

Doctor Johnson applied himself to the Dutch language but a few years before his death.

Lodovico Mondalosso, at the great age of 115 years, wrote the memoirs of his own times.

Ugibus, the translator of Homer and Virgil, was unacquainted with Latin and Greek until he was past fifty.

Franklin did not fully commence his philosophical pursuits till he had reached his fifth year.

Tryden, in his sixty-eighth year, commenced the translation of the Iliad, his most famous production.

Changes in the Catholic Church.

A change in the government of the Roman Catholic Church in this country will go into effect on the first day of the coming year. Archbishop Wood, together with the other Bishops of the country, has received from the Pope a brief which ordains that after that date pastors of parishes shall be known as rectors—a change which will endow them with the canonical rights now exercised by the parish priests in Ireland and the head priests in England and Scotland.

A Mr. Schrepper is reported as the holder of the position. A Scotchman was walking with a number of ladies in a boat, including his wife, her sister, her mother, and her mother-in-law. The boat having been overturned near the shore by a small, shallow cut, the ladies were thrown out in particular, who was afterward found to be his mother. On being asked why he did not point out his wife as the chief object to be rescued, he calmly replied: "Well, ye see, a man can get as many wives as he needs; but he can never get another mother."

From sunflower seeds is expressed a palatable, clear and flavorless oil, the demand for which in Russia is very great. It is exported from St. Petersburg at about \$32 per gross ton, and is said to be extensively used, like cottonseed oil, after purifying, for adulterating olive or castor oil. A considerable quantity is grown in Russia for oil pressing; the plant being largely cultivated on the banks and flats, the stalks being used for fuel.

Lawyer.—"How do you identify this handkerchief?" Witness—"By its general appearance and the fact that I have others like it." Lawyer—"That is no proof; for I have one just like it in my pocket." Witness—"I don't

THE HORSE.

The Care of Horses.

How quick a horse becomes dilapidated and demoralized after it comes into the possession of some people. It makes no difference how young nor how nice they are when they get them, they all look alike in less than two years, and always have that discouraged, destroyed appearance. I have seen men who claimed to have great judgment, when we looked upon as wise, prudent, and shrewd in business, that did not seem to have any idea of what treatment and care a horse required.

Many seem to think a horse can endure everything, go without feed all day and half the night, and be off on a journey in bad weather, traveling, time after time. When they get home they put them into an old, dark, dirty pen, throw in a forkful of hay, the first they come to, and let them "rip." They never rub or clean them, and never take any pains to protect them from cold or dampness.

I have seen a good many horses nearly spoiled by fasting and cramming. It will soon spoil their digestive organs, and if long continued it will weaken them and destroy their vitality so that they will never take on flesh at all, even under good treatment. And so they always remain a crooked, shapeless mass of unsightly, useless "horse-flesh." But strange as it may appear, people never know the difference as long as the animal has a pouch, hair and hoofs!

It is not all work that has brought them to this. There are thousands of horses that look as well as they ever did. It is not the team horses nor the livery horse so much as the farmer's horse, that shows bad treatment. Some pretend that the horse has a poor constitution, or is sick. Others call it a lack of vitality. I should call it a lack of common sense in the cranium of his owner.—Maine Farmer.

Shoulders, Sore from Work.

During the hard work of spring on the farm, the horses are in several seasons more than others in wet and warm seasons subject to galled shoulders, and hocks, which, when not attended to, at last get to be troublesome sores. The skin is not so much irritated by the collar and saddle, but the flesh irritated and inflamed, and if the irritation is kept up an ichorous discharge takes place, which is difficult to heal without giving the horse rest.

When a saddle-gall is observed, the harness should be looked to, and the pressing point which has caused the sore, should be relieved. If the shoulders are galled, it may be necessary to use pads, so arranged as to prevent bearing on the sore places; or some of the stuffing may be removed at the places where the collar hurts. It will be necessary to keep the parts of the harness that come in contact with the horse, as well as the seat of the horse, free from sweat and dirt, washing them every evening with warm soap-suds, and drying with a soft cloth; after which a portion of the following mixture may be applied to the sore parts. To about two pounds of unslaked lime, add two quarts of cold water, and after they have intimately combined, pour off the liquid into a dish or pail. Add thereto five wine-glasses of linseed oil, and two ounces of powdered sugar of lead (which latter should be previously dissolved in a little water). Stir them together, and work up for use.—Prairie Farmer.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. H. H. Galt, late editor of the Columbia Chronicle, Dayton, W. Va., which event occurred about the 23d of Nov. Mr. Galt was born in the town of Galt, Ohio, on the 25th of Nov. 1812. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a man of high moral and intellectual attainments. He was a man of high moral and intellectual attainments. He was a man of high moral and intellectual attainments.

There are many farmers who have extra good butter cows and do not know it. They have poor pastures in summer, and no shelter and indifferent food in winter. In the house they have no conveniences for making butter; the milk is set where there are no arrangements for keeping it cool in summer, and in the living room, exposed to the odors of the kitchen in winter; and neither the quantity nor the quality are any index of what a cow can do.—E.S.

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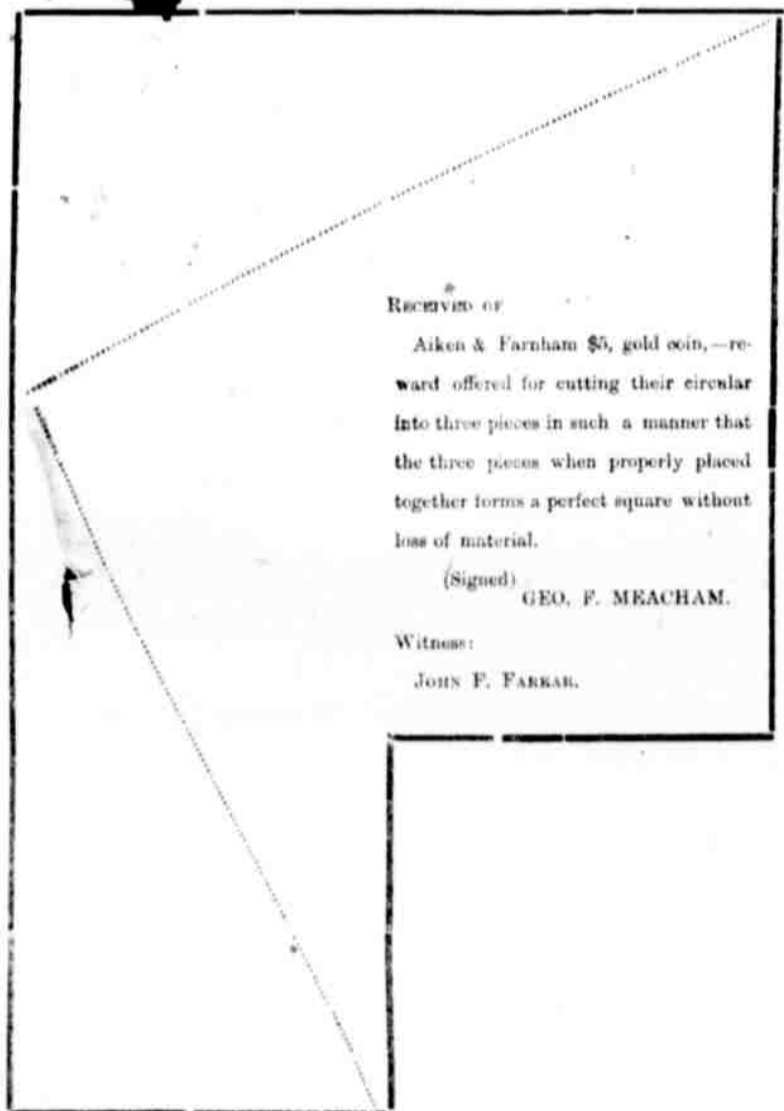
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