

A CHANGE ABOUT THE PLACE.

The place don't seem just like it did before she went away. It's all so still and lonesome—not a word from her all day; The old mare whinnies still when I go to the stable door; But, somehow, things seem different since she ain't here no more.

A NEWPORT IDYL

THE ballroom at the Casino was aglow with light and pulsing with music. The ball was at its height a moment before supper. Standing near a door was a young man whose features were drawn and white, and whose set lips made a picture sadly out of place in that gay throng.

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FARM GARDEN

Protecting the Pump. The cut tells its own story. The pump is thus inclosed at slight cost of labor and kept from "freezing up" during cold snaps in winter. If stock is to be watered, a spout can pass through the rear side of the covering, to be removed and the opening closed when not in use.



A PROTECTED PUMP.

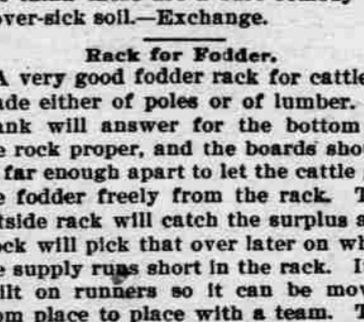
is closely banked with hay to keep out the cold air. It is essential not only to keep the pump from "freezing up," but also to keep the temperature of the water in the well as high as possible, since very cold water is undesirable for any stock, and particularly undesirable for cows in milk and growing young stock.—New York Tribune.

Cover Sick Land.

We used to hear much of land getting clover sick, or so that which is rich enough for corn or most of the usual farm crops, it seemed not to be suitable for clover. Either the seed would fail to catch or the plants would die out before they had attained size enough to show them above the other grasses. Perhaps on a poor field near by, there would be a good crop of clover growing, sown with seed from the same bag and under the same conditions of season.

Rack for Fodder.

A very good fodder rack for cattle is made either of poles or of lumber. A plank will answer for the bottom of the rack proper, and the boards should be far enough apart to let the cattle get the fodder freely from the rack. The outside rack will catch the surplus and stock will pick that over later on when the supply runs short in the rack. It is built on runners so it can be moved from place to place with a team. The



MOVABLE FODDER RACK.

To Prevent Calves Sucking.

To prevent calves and young stock from sucking the cows and the cows from sucking themselves, procure at your grocer's or druggist's one pound of cayenne pepper, pour one-half pint boiling water on one tablespoonful and let it steep a few minutes. Tie a soft piece of cloth on the end of a long stick, and with this swab rub the pepper solution over the cow's udder. If this is persevered in you will have no more trouble.—Mrs. J. Coffee, Farmers' Advocate.

Candied Honey.

At the approach of winter, says American Gardening, extracted honey will candy or crystallize unless kept in a temperature above 80 degrees, and even then with some kinds of honey it is difficult to prevent it from candying. This is regarded by most beekeepers as a test of its purity. Honey that has been adulterated with glucose or other foreign matter as a rule will not granulate or crystallize when kept in a moderately cool place. Honey that has granulated may be restored to its

Liquid form by placing the bottle of jar in a pan and setting on the kitchen stove or range. The pan should be partly filled with water and heated slowly until the honey is melted. If melted gradually and only heated enough to restore it to its liquid state, it does not injure or impair the flavor in the least.

Winter Work. The farmer should rejoice at the approach of winter, not because it will be a season of rest, but because it will give him an opportunity to do so many things that he has neglected in the hurry of planting, cultivating and harvesting. There are many little things for which there seems to be no great haste. They can be done at any time, and that means that they are never done, or done in great haste when they reach the point where they must be done. When we were farming we used the days when it was not suitable weather to work out of doors in putting all tools and machinery in good condition, including farm wagons and carts, and they were painted, if they needed it, which most of them did even after one year's use. The work might not have been done very artistically, but the paint served to protect the wood from the weather. Then harnesses were cleaned, mended and oiled, and repairs made on gates, fences, etc., while during the pleasant days manure was drawn out, and the summer wood brought home. All this so helped when the spring work began that if we desired to go on a farm again we should much prefer to take it in November than March, unless we were sure that our predecessor had been one who spent the winter days in getting ready for the coming season.—American Cultivator.

Use Skimmilk.

Skimmilk is a food which contains muscle and flesh forming material in a form to be readily taken up and digested by the system. Milk that has been skimmed has really lost but a small amount of its value as a food, the cream consisting considerably of fat, which in itself is the least nutritious part of the milk, except to create warmth. The cheesy matter left in the milk is its most valuable part for food and tends to produce a vigorous, healthful growth when fed to calves, pigs and chickens. If chickens were fed less corn and more skimmilk, it would not only be to their lasting benefit, but it would also eventually result in financial benefit to the farmer.—Poultry Keeper.

The Crothers Peach.

Prof. H. E. Van Deman, while living in Kansas, came across a peach called Crothers, which he thinks worthy to show its merits among the best peaches of the country. He procured buds and put the peach into his trial orchard, and has been so much pleased with the variety that he mentions it as without an equal of its color and season combined. It has also been fruiting at the experiment station at South Haven, Mich., for several years, where it is much liked. The tree is a very abundant and regular bearer, strong growth and somewhat drooping form. The fruit is of medium size, nearly round in shape, not pointed, and has a slight suture on one side; color, creamy white, with a bright red cheek, making a handsome appearance; flesh, creamy white, red at pit, very juicy, melting; flavor, rich, yet mild, vinous and very pleasant.—Rural New Yorker.

Grain Weevils.

Those who are troubled by weevils in the grain bins or their barns should not forget that blaulphide of carbon is a sure preventive of their ravages. About one ounce of it is sure death to all that would be in a hundred pounds of grain just thrust down into the surface and unworked will go to the bottom of the bin, as its fumes are heavier than the air. As it is explosive take care not to carry any light near it. It is also sure death to other insects and to squirrels and rats. Do not use more than the above amount, as it may prevent germination of the seed.

Drilling Grain.

The Minnesota experiment station tried for several years drilled wheat by the side of wheat sown broadcast. These were field tests on considerable areas, and they found that as an average that the drilled wheat yielded 50 per cent more than that which was broadcast. The results were most marked in seasons when the soil was dry, as the seeds were well covered at a uniform depth by the drill, and thus germinated more freely and evenly.

To Keep Cider Sweet.

To keep cider sweet is not an easy proposition, remarks a New England Homestead correspondent. For domestic use on a small scale heat thoroughly for twenty minutes at a temperature of 160 degrees; then seal up in fruit jars or bottles. This, done thoroughly, will keep the year round.

Sheep's Face.

The face of a sheep does not only indicate elegance of form generally, but it is the more sure and certain indication of the best feeding quality.—Sheep Breeder.

The Whirling Pea.

Stick a pin through the center of a pea, then obtain a straw, clay pipe-stem or anything with a small hole through it. Now if the pin is inserted in the tube and it held straight upward and blown through, the pin will leave the tube and circle rapidly around it, the pea meanwhile remaining stationary in the air.

Playtime in Italy.

In Italy they have very few games, but the little Italian boys and girls excel you in one pastime—that is modeling. A little Italian boy will pick up a lump of clay in the street and model you a horse, or dog, or cow in no time, and a more experienced boy will at your request speedily reproduce the little hunch (baby) stretching out her hands, or the herby blowing his horn; in fact, almost anything you like to ask him for.

Favorite Game—both among boys and men—seems to be one called "flashing fingers." Two men or boys place themselves opposite each other, and at the same instant each throws out his right hand, with so many fingers open, or so many shut or bent upon the palm, and each of the players, also at the same instant, cries out the number made by adding the number of his adversary's open fingers to his own. If both cry right, of course the throw counts for nothing.

As a boy gains a point by hitting the right number, he marks it with a finger of his left hand, which hand is kept motionless. Five points make the game, and when the thumb and four fingers of the left hand are extended, then the lucky owner of that hand cuts a caper, and cries, "Done—I have conquered!" The Italian people say that the very best actors of Italy come from Naples, and the reason they give is that the people all speak in pantomime, even the children being too lazy to talk, so they make signs to each other instead.

Since Willie goes to school.

Since Willie goes to school, the days Are always full of peace, And in a hundred little ways The cares of life decrease; The halls are littered up no more With blocks and tops and traps; No marbles lie upon the floor, But are we happier than before?—Ah, well perhaps—perhaps! Since Willie goes to school, the cat Lies dozing in her nook;

Staked His All and Won.

The enterprising man and his young woman companion meandered into one of the swell restaurants and sat down at a table. The young man had met the young woman when he had not expected to. That explained the absence of his coat. The waiter took their orders. Then he went over to the proprietor. Then the waiter returned.

Small for Its Age.

Pat called as usual one morning at the Cow and Pall for his three-pennyworth of whisky, when the following conversation ensued between the landlady and himself: Pat: This is good whisky, mum. Landy:—Yes, Pat. Can you guess the age of it? Pat:—No, mum. Landy:—Well, it's thirty years old. Pat (eyeing the three-pennyworth)—Oim a-thinkin' it be mighty small for its age, mum.—London Spare Moments.

Richest in Minerals.

The soil of Peru contains the largest number of minerals of any known country. At Pizura, in the north, petroleum and sulphur; silver, lead, copper and coal in the great mining basin of Cerro de Pasco, in central Peru, and phosphate, quicksilver, auriferous grounds and borax at Arequipa, in the south. At the present time the number of mines being worked, is 2,500, employing 70,000 workmen.

Food of Japanese.

The Japanese are not heavy meat consumers, and yet they are wonderful muscular. Japan consumes more rice than any other nation in the world, the average being 300 pounds a person per year.

Publio Land in Michigan.

Michigan holds the title to over 500,000 acres, most of it school and tax homestead land.

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Biggest Sturgeon.

The largest sturgeon on record was caught in the North Sea. It weighed 525 pounds, but the delight of the fishermen was tempered by the fact that it did \$750 worth of damage to the nets before it was given the coup de grace.