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STOCK IN ORCHARDS. Low Headed Trees—Pasturing With Sheep, Swine and Chickens. Following is a report in brief of a paper read at the eighteenth annual session of the New Jersey Horticultural Society by Mr. Ira J. Blackwell. He said: It may be thought that he who will allow any kind of stock in the orchard is not a practical grower. There are more sides than one to most questions, and the problem of growing good fruit at the least cost is an interesting subject.

THE FARM TRUCK. A Useful Wagon Made Out of Odds and Ends at a Small Cost. In the accompanying illustration is shown a truck which the Michigan genius who made it says is one of the hardest implements on his farm. This is what he tells about it in a letter to the Ohio Farmer.

At an English Dinner Party. Everybody took a lady and processioned down to the dining room, but there the dispute began. The Duke of Shroveton wanted to take precedence and sit at the head of the table, holding that he outranked a minister who represented merely a nation and not a monarch, but I stood for my rights and refused to yield.

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MONGOLS OF KO-KO NOR. Brigandage is the General Profession of Ambitious Young Men. Our road first lay through the district inhabited by the agricultural tribes on the frontier. Then we entered the country occupied by the Mongols of the Ko-ko Nor, says a writer in the National Review.

NEW YORK'S POSTAL SERVICE. Interesting Facts About the Growth of the Delivery System. The fair of the postoffice employees was an incentive to re-educate and revivify every postal article obtainable that was quaint, ancient, and antique, even to an exhibit of a picture of the building used for the first postoffice.

TREACHEROUS SNOW. Dangers to Which the Chamola Hunter Subjects Himself. One of the perils which the chamola hunter must face is that which lurks in the snow. Mr. Buxton, in his Short Stalks, tells the story of Herr S's adventure, which graphically illustrates this danger.

General Sherman's Individuality. In one of Lawrence Hutton's articles on deathheads he speaks incidentally of General Sherman's strong individuality, which causes a certain sculptor to remark: "When I was busy with a bust of General Sherman and saw him every day, it was a curious fact that he made positively no personal impression upon my mind. I admired him and revered him, but it was hard work to remember that he himself was there. I stood on the corner watching his funeral with the rest of the crowd. I was interested in looking at the notables, and I sincerely grieved for the great man's death. But do you know at the moment the hearse was drawn past me my attention was completely absorbed by some little incident of the occasion. Only at the last second did I think: 'There it is again. I cannot even rivet my attention upon him while his dead body is passing by.'"—St. Louis Republic.

A Bright Horse and a Clever Dog. Few telegraphers are better known in New York than George Mudgett, of the postal office, and there are fewer still who have a better fund of stories. He tells of a certain horse who accompanies a Scranton (Pa.) line man on his trips. This horse can see a broken insulator quicker than his rider, and always stops when one is reached. It is hardly necessary to add that the horse can telegraph with his feet, but no one knows what he "signs." The same line man owns a dog who can tell by the bell attached to the district messenger register when a certain firm rings a call. The dog at once runs to the store, takes the message in his mouth and delivers it safely at the telegraph office. George Mudgett says he never invents yarns.—New York Advertiser.

Notes About Alligators. There is nothing that a gator likes better than fresh pork, and he will toddle three miles from water for a Florida razorback. In cool weather he buries himself in mud and becomes dormant until it grows warm. Hunters still make a living by killing him for his hide and teeth. The killing of alligators in Florida has been stopped by law. Tourists became very careless in their use of firearms, and would endanger the lives of passengers in their haste to get a shot before the boat got by a pump station. Yet it is remarkable that only one person, a woman, was ever wounded in these reckless fusillades.—New York Sun.

Human Remains in Texas. It is reported that near Curruzo Springs, Tex., an oval topped mound, covered with petrified human skulls, has been discovered. The mound is circular in form and about 100 feet high and on one side is joined to a short range of hills of about the same height. On the summit and for some distance down the sloping side it is covered with what appear to be smooth, spherical bones, which upon close examination prove to be, it is said, petrified human skulls distorted into grotesque shapes. It is further stated that by removing the loose dirt and sand from the orifices of the face the unmistakable human countenance is revealed. Bones of other classes are also said to be found there, and from all appearances the whole mound is formed of human skulls.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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