

Broom Corn Culture.

I advise no one to raise broom corn unless he is fully posted. More men have been broken up, financially, by it, than by almost any other crop.

Broom corn should be planted about the same time as Indian corn, but the earlier kinds will mature a good crop of brush on rich land from June 10. It will do well on any land that will produce a good crop of Indian corn, but a sandy loam is preferable.

THE BLACKBERRY.—It is strange the blackberry is not more extensively planted where it succeeds well. After a plantation is once started it requires but little care and attention.

WILD ROOT PLANTS.—The root plants growing all wild over the country ought to be examined and experimented upon by agriculturists. We have abundant encouragement in favor of such a course, in the history of tobacco, potato, sugar beet, spearmint, wintergreen and a host of other natural products that, by judicious culture, have been raised from the rank of weeds to a first-class position among profitable crops.

HONOLULU travelers visiting the crater of Kilauea, during the first week of September, represent it as very active and brilliant. The old South lake was, on the 10th inst., about 1,000 feet in length and 600 feet in width, boiling and spouting.

Venice in 1877.

It is the fifteenth of August, and in the afternoon. The sky is almost as clear a blue as we have for most of the year in New York. The Venetians consider it a remarkably fine specimen of their weather.

Several large and many small islands, rising only a few feet above the sea, were taken possession of by refugees from the mainland; and as they fished and traded, and grew into a great community, they built according to the requirements of the place. Italian marble was near and abundant; labor was cheap; trade was long exceptionally good; conquest brought the spoils of other peoples and lands; and so in time a great city grew up, with only narrow strips of walking space along the sides of the houses, the middle of the street (as we should say) being water.

Now for the houses. They are solidly, and many of them irregularly, built, most of them colored, very long ago, apparently, with that peculiar pale yellow which is a favorite in Italy. Those with marble fronts have become so darkened and blackened that it requires an effort of memory to do justice to their material.

Nor gondolas. Divested of the poetry, what is a gondola? A long, black, ill-painted, generally rather shabby-looking boat, the bow of which rises well out of the water. It retains the "prow" of the ancient Roman galley, of which it is a descendant, and has a heavy iron, halberd-like beak, which at a distance looks a little like a swan's neck and head, and which counterbalances the weight of the man who stands on the covered stern and paddles the boat with one broad-bladed oar.

It must not be thought that this is the whole of Venice. It is, however, the Venice in which men and women live their ordinary lives, unaffected in any great degree by lions in bronze, or pillars in marble a thousand years old, or even by Titian's or Tintoretto's pictures, of which the most, as here presented, appear common-place indeed. It is not the old Venice of grasping and successful ambition, of proud and boastful money-power; but it is that to which pride and ostentation in time conduct a people. Servility, lying, and the offensive forms of poverty are everywhere apparent.

Venice has a palace on which millions have been expended, a profusion of churches with costly, pretentious and ancient decoration, but among the relics of her past her Bridge of Sighs is as famous as her Rialto (by the way, a very ordinary bridge), and her prison is inspected with more feeling than her palace. O, how sweet is the thought of Freedom, as one follows a guide's torch through those dark and narrow dens, in which justice was murdered with many a

tortured victim! On every hand Art meets the eye—in the frescoes, mouldings, cornices, in carvings, in mosaics innumerable. The tendency now is to magnify Art as a great civilizer. Art is the product of a luxurious and wealthy civilization; but it is easy to overestimate it as an inherent civilizing power.

The Sultan's Way.

Two hundred years ago when the Turks made war it was sufficient for the Sultan to command a thing, and it was done. When Sulciman the Great was marching to the relief of Breda, his advance came to the River Drave, and found it impassable by reason of a flood. The pasha in command, who was, by the way, the minister of war, sent a staff officer to the Sultan to say that it would be needful to wait for the subsidence of the waters before the army could cross.

The cab companies of Paris have just started a new style of vehicle, which is very odd-looking, and is not very popular. It is a sort of cross between the London hansom and the French fiacre, the body thereof being like unto the hansom, but the driver occupies a seat in front, and not behind, as on the London cab. Just now it is not particularly pleasant to take a ride in one of the new carriages, as your Parisian cabby is nothing if not conservative, and the drivers who have charge of the new innovation are assailed on all sides by shouts and cries from their comrades that are more facetious than complimentary.

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