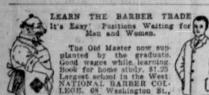
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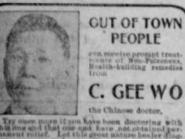
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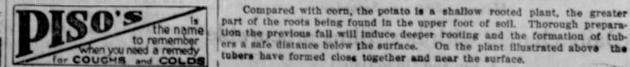


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Human Endurance. No test of human endurance from the physical standpoint can compare in severity with that imposed upon the workers in the steel and iron mills of the Pittsburg district, declares a writer in Current Literature. By a singilar paradox an idea prevails among the workers themselves that these labors of theirs are healthful. The whole subject has just been investigated with pains and thoroughness by the expert of the New York state department of labor, John A. Fitch, who finds the workers for the most part healthy, but he suspects that this excellent physical condition is due to the precautions taken by the men, and not to the capacity they possess for withstanding the terrific strain to which they are subjected daily. The severity of the strain itself is due to the incredible heat, imposing, as it does, the most tremendous of all physical tests to which the human organism is subjected in any form of recognized human activ-What Mr. Fitch has to say on the subject is confirmed by the best medical opinion he was enabled to consult in the course of the long study of conditions made for the Russell Sage foundation. The heat has effects so marked that on a street car the men employed where the high temperature strikes their faces can be singled out because of their pecultar complexion. Sometimes their



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rack with netting placed over it when Gentle Eastern or Northeastern Slope Found Excellent in Some Sections-Trees Should be Strong and Vigorous and One or Two Years Old-Thorough Tillage Needed.



A Neglected Apple Tree.

Farmers' bulletin No. 113, United | them well and tramp down, leaning States department of agriculture, is the tree slightly to the southwest. entitled "The Apple and How to Grow It," G. B. Brackett, pomologist, buthis bulletin, closes it with the following summary:

1. A gentle eastern or northeastern slope, as a rule, is the most desirable for an orchard site, but this may vary in different sections.

regions afford the best results, but outside of such districts clayey loams | the tree. having free surface and subsoil drainage are best.

3. Well rotted barnyard manure is lowed to fall and rot on the ground wind until final disposition is made or turned under and the ground re-

to obtain the best results in the or- as possible without danger of frost. chard, and when needing fertility the land should be properly manured be- market, require an immediate disposi-

main branches for the future top are of disposing of his crop. to be formed. All broken and mutilated roots should be cut back to sound wood. For easy planting, open out a deep furrow with a two-horse of middle Tennessee now furnish the plow along the line where the rows world's main supply of cedar pencils are to be made, and cross check at the and it is stated that these fences are to stand. At the crosses level off the to make the best grade of smooth ground at the bottom of the furrow to | whittling cedar pencils so well known receive the tree with its roots in a to every schoolboy. These rails bring natural position, fill in the dirt among | fabulous prices.

6. Thorough tillage with a cultiva tor during the growing season and reau of plant industry, the writer of plowing the land each spring, turning ed with the interstate commerce comit each alternate year toward the trees, are recommended.

7. Prune each year in early spring before the growth starts, removing all cross branches and thinning out where too densely grown, so as to balance 2. Soils such as are found in timber | the tops and afford free air circula tion and admit sunlight to all parts of

8. All classes, summer, autumn and winter apples, must be carefully picked without loosening the stems from the the most valuable for apple orchards fruit, handled carefully to avoid The next best fertilizer is crops of red bruises or breakage of the skin, and clover grown among the trees and al- placed under protection from sun and of them. Apples for home use should be stored in some place where the 4. Thorough surface tilth is required temperature should be kept as low

9. Summer and autumn sorts, if for tion, as they are exceedingly perish-5. Trees are more safely set in early able. Winter varieties may be held spring. They should be strong, vigor- for a while during a glut in the marous, one or two years old, having a ket and in seasons of a shortage genwell-developed root system and, at the erally. At other times it is a question school. time of setting, their tops should be of good business policy for the procut back to the height at which the ducer to consider well the best way

Pencils From Cedar Rails.

The old-fashioned cedar rail fences distance apart at which the trees are the sole remaining source from which

Compared with corn, the potato is a shallow rooted plant, the greater

#### President Taft Holds Travel Record



W ASHINGTON. - William Howard Taft, president of the United States and champion traveler of the universe, has completed his little tour of 24 states of the Union to add about 15,000 more miles to his record. It is a wonderful record for getting over ground, even in these days of the fast express trains and giant ocean steamships, that the president has established and when he returned to Washington he had traveled since he entered the government service in 1900 as a Philippine commissioner 298,728

The travel microbe stung William Howard Taft in 1900, when President tial travel expenses. If congress McKinley selected him as one of the should be so rude as to remove the Philippine commissioners. Up to that means it is a certainty that the retime Mr. Taft was used to the court | maining year and a half of the prestroom, and on his maiden trip to the dent's term of office will be spent Orient he was affected with what has mostly in Washington. To travel reproven to be an incurable case of quires a lot of money, an amount travel mania. Since that first trip, a which President Taft does not per little over ten years ago, he has trav-

eled almost incessantly, and from the president's personal standpoint it has been most enjoyable, for all of the trips and journeys and excursions up to two and a half years ago were made at government expense. For since his first appointment as a Philippine commissioner Mr. Taft has been continually on the payroll of Uncle Sam, excepting the short period between his nomination for the presidency in 1908 and his installation as president on March 4, 1909.

Since he has been president he has traveled also at government expenses, for the president is allowed \$25,000 a year to cover his "getting around" expenses, an appropriation that came into being when the railroads cut off free transportation and congress enacted an anti-pass law.

There is rumor of strong opposition to a continuation of the practice of allowing \$25,000 a year for presiden-

#### Forest Service as a Training School

UNCLE SAM'S success as master of a great training school is nowhere better shown, perhaps, than in that branch of the school known as the forest service. The interstate commerce commission probably is a close second. Great railroads and other corporations are continually picking out the most promising men connectmission. The success of treasury, postoffice, agricultural department and geographical survey employes in landing good positions in the business or scientific world is proverbial.

Of course, on the other hand, there younger men entering the government dull routine work; but where the is usually great.

developed into a great governmental from lumber associations or compapost-graduate institution for learning nies, colleges, states, railroads and the theory and practice of forestry. other corporations interested in for-A couple of years ago there was a estry. furor when it was learned that the ber of forest rangers to attend forestry schools in the west during the reau has been in itself a gigantic

A majority of the men heretofore and ricultural department. Now it occu-



gainsaying the fact that the knowledge and experience they have acquired while working for Uncle Sam has been of great benefit to them in bettering their position by getting outside employment.

Matters have reached such a pass is a trail of wrecked careers due to in the forest service that the personnel is constantly shifting and service and losing their ambition in changing. Young men enter the bureau soon after leaving school or colyoung man stands the test his success lege, and after learning the practical side of forestry and being promoted The forest service, for example, has to some extent they except offers

During the last few years scores of chief forester had authorized a num- young men have left the bureau to accept more lucrative employment elsewhere. It is well known that saldull season while their names were aries in the bureau are comparatively on the government payroll. Yet be- low. Despite the continual stream of fore and since then the forestry bu- resignations, the personnel of the service has increased from 50 in 1901 to 3,500. Formerly the forestry bureau Nobody criticises anybody for this. was housed in three rooms in the agnow connected with the forestry bu- pies a whole big office building here, reau no doubt have been faithful and with branch offices in half a dozen efficient employes, but there is no western cities.

## Discipline Is Improving in the Army



PREPARATION FOR POTATOES F EWER trials by court-martial than in any year since the Spanish-American war were held by the army to the annual report of Brigadier General E. H. Crowder, judge advocate general.

> general courts-martial, or a decrease offender to formal trial. of 1,355 as compared with the year preceding. The number of trials was only 5 per cent. of the average en- lect statistics as to the percentage of listed strength of the army, whereas trials for the coming year at each the 1910 average was 6.98 per cent., army post. The judge advocate exand in 1909 it was 7.4 per cent. Ab- presses the opinion that unnecessary sence without leave and desertion trials can be averted by an announcewere the chief offenses.

> last year by 9,193 compared with the for summary court trials rests with

ed 43 per cent. of the average enlisted strength of the army, a decrease of 14 per cent, from the 1910 percentage. The reduced number of summary courts, according to the judge advocate, has been accomplished without relaxing discipline and is partly accounted for by the movement of troops from their posts to the maneuver division, where the duty approximated that of active field service. However, General Crowder believes during the last fiscal year, according that the principal cause for the reduction has been the growth of the opinion that minor infractions of discipline can be punished better by sum-During the year there were 3,851 mary discipline than by subjecting the

With a view to lessening the number of trials the department will colment by the war department that it Trials by summary courts decreased considers the ultimate responsibility previous year. These trials represent the post and regimental commanders.

### Uncle Sam Can't Exclude the Chinese

M ORE Chinese are entering the United States today than ever before since the passage of the Chinese exclusion act, according to the report of Commissioner General of Immigration Keefe, to be submitted to Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor. The business of smuggling Chinamen into this country has been growing in spite of the increased efforts of inspectors. Most of here. He will suggest that congress the Celestials are coming across the then pass a law that every Chinaman Canadian border. Last year 8,000 entered the Dominion, but it is estimated exported. only a small proportion remained there. In the past five years immigration has been on a steady increase. and yet only 22,000 Celestials are reported as living in Canada. The great land owners for keeping the others have been smuggled across the American border,

Nagel that the only way to handle the Chinese situation is to register all the underpaid laborers are deprived Celestials now in this country, irre of their meager earnings by overspective of the manner of their en charges for foodstu



try, and to allow them all to stay found without registration papers be

After a two months' trip in Hawaii, Mr. Keefe made a report to Secretary Nagel on labor conditions on the sugar plantations, severely arraigning the greatest part of the population in a state of vassalage. He will ask con-Mr. Keefe will advise Secretary gress to take action to remedy the commissary store" system, by which