

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds." -- Francis Bacon.

We passed through the half-opened

"Good nerve, hasn't he?" said the Colo-

said, for the President's head was swath-

The Colonel strode quickly up to the

"Done !" he cried. "It's Johnny Carr !"

It was true; there lay Johnny. His

excellency was nowhere to be seen. The

"Steady there ! Kindly remember I'm

"What's this plot? Where's Whitting-

The Colonel dropped the arm, and

The Colonel turned from him, and said

"Have you had any hand in this?"

ed in their honesty, but what of their

"Quits, isn't it, Colonel?"

to his men sternly :

was up.

aroused.

ed in white linen.

CHAPTER XV .-- (Continued.) wasted an hour breakfasting-it's seven Thus far the Signorina. I must beg to o'clock."

call special attention to the closing lines | I followed him along the path, and we her narrative. But before I relate entered the little room where we had left the very startling occurrence to which the President. The sentries were still refors, we must return to the har racks, where, it will be remembered, matwere not asleep, but looked a little ters were in a rather critical condition. drowsy. When the officers any their mess room

"All right?" said the Colonel. suddenly filled with armed men, and "Yes, excellency," said one of them. "He is there in bed." heard the siarming order issued by the Colonel, their attention was effectually He went into the inner room and began diverted from me. They crowded togethto undo the shutters, letting in the early er on one side of the table, facing the sun. Colonel and his men on the other. Asdoor and saw a peaceful figure lying in sisted by the two men sent to my aid, I the bed, whence proceeded a gentle snore. seized the opportunity to push my way through them and range myself by the "Yes; but what a queer nightcap," I side of my leader. After a moment's

pause the Colonel began : "The last thing we should desire, gen-

tlemen," he said, "is to resort to force. But the time for explanation is short. The people of Aureataland have at last tisen against the tyranny they have so long endured. General Whittingham has provid a traitor to the cause of freedom : Colonel shook Johnny roughly by the te won his position in the name of lib- arm. The latter opened his eyes and said, erty; he has used it to destroy liberty. sleepily : The voice of the people has declared him "Steady there to have forfeited his high office. The a trifle fragile." people have placed in my hand the sword of vengeance. Armed with this mighty ham?" sunction. I have appealed to the army. The army has proved true to Its traditions-true to its character of the pro-

tector, not the oppressor, of the people, head." Gentlemen, will you who lend the army take your proper place?" There was no reply to this moving ap-

peal. He advanced closer to them, and went on : "There is no middle way. You are pat-Johnny said sweetly : riots or traitors-friends of liberty or friends of tyranny. I stand here to offer

you either a traitor's death, or, if you will, life, honor and the satisfaction of all your just claims. Do you mistrust the people? I, as their representative, here offer you every just due the people owe debts which had long been paid but ly. for the greed of that great traitor."

As he said this he took from his men some bags of money, and threw them an vigilant watch, and must have seen any the table with a loud chink.

Major DeChair glanced at the bags, and Colonel's personal servants, and he belierglanced at his comrades, and said : "In the cause of liberty, heaven forbid vigilance? Carr heard him sternly ques-we should be behind? Down with the tioning them, and said:

tyrant !" And all the pack yelped in chorus! "Then, gentlemen, to the head of your

men," said the Colonel, and going to the window, he cried to the throng : "Men, your noble officers are with us."

A cheer answered him. I wiped my forehead, and said to myself, "That's well said. Pushing the bed aside, we opened over."

CHAPTER XVI.

I will not weary the reader with our got out. But how had Carr got in withfurther proceedings. Suffice to say we out noise? The sentry came up, saying : marshaled our host and marched down to the Plazza. The news had spread by saw him on the bed. He lay for the first now, and in the dimly breaking morning hour in his clothes. The next look, he light we saw the Square full of people- | was undressed. It struck me he'd been men, women and children. As we march- pretty quick and quiet about it, but I ed in there was a cheer, not very hearty | thought no more." -a cheer propiliatory, for they did not

sion. It is true that our police are not in the habit of imitating the President's naked brutality by expressly adding "alive or dead," but I am informed that the law, in case of need, leaves the alternative open to the servants of justice. 1 native open to the servants of justice. I am not ashamed to confess that my spirits were rather dashed by his excellency's Parthian shot, and I could see that the Colonel himself was no less perturbed. The escape of Fleance seemed to Mac-beth to render his whole position unsafe. and no one who knew General Whittingham will doubt that he was a more dangerous opponent than Fleance. We both

felt, in fact, as soon as we saw the white sail of The Songstress bearing our enemy out of our reach, that the revolution could not yet be regarded as safely accomplished. But the uncertainty of our tenof power did not paralyze our ener

might be turned to good account.

Golden House, we lost no time in instituting a thorough inquiry into the state

of the public finances. We ransacked the house from top to bottom and found nothby the way, they did not find Don Anto-

that this pleasure seemed all I was likely to get out of the business. The Colonel stood moodily with his back to the fire-

"Ah, it's McGregor," said Johnny with place, looking at me as if I were respona bland smile, "and Martin, How are you, sible for the state of things. At this point in came the Signorina. old fellow? Some beast's hit me on the We greeted her gloomily, and she was as "Where's Whittingham?" relterated the startled as ourselves at the news of the Colonel savagely shaking Johnny's arm. "Gently !" said 1 ; "after all, he's a sick President's escape; at the same time I this business on a

thought I detected an undercurrent of re- large scale for prof. When, however, we went on to break to her the nakedness of the land, who probably keep she stopped us at once. "Oh, you stupid men, you haven't look-

ed in the right place. I suppose you expected to find it laid out for you on the dining room table. Come with me." We followed her into the room where

Carr lay. He was awake, and the Signorina went and asked him how he was. "We shall have to disturb you for a

(To be continued.)

"It was just six years ago to-day," "Those chaps aren't to blame, Colonel I didn't come in that way. If you'll take said Dr. Joseph Milton Heller, late a look behind the bed you'll see another door. They brought me in there. I was rather queer and only half knew what

took place during the Philippine insur- proof and preventing rain or other rection and one of which, by a combi- water from entering. At each end are nation of unfortunate circumstances, the American people know little or nothing.

didly disciplined little band, marched coop from being displaced. In this way and fought their way over a distance the fowl are rendered safe against the know what we meant to do. The Colonel President, the undressed man Carr! of 310 miles in one month. The route attacks of animals.



Corn Root Louse. Time spent in killing insect pests

must usually be set down as so much time lost from the constructive work of improving the rith of the soil, and attending to the other needs of the there, each seated in an armchair. They gies: on the contrary, we datermined to make hay while the sun shone, and, if crops. Occasionally, nowever, an im-Aureataland was doomed to succumb once proved system of cultivation gets rid more to the tyranny. I, for one, was very of our insect enemies at the same time. clear that her temporary emancipation This is conspicuously the case in the accordingly, on arriving again at the solution of the second proposed by Prof. Forbes, of Illinois, for destroying the

corn root louse. The pest works have to both sweet and field corn. The small brown ant ing! Was it possible that the President attends the louse and is responsible had carried off with him all the treasure that had inspired our patriotic ef- fessor Forbes found that by using a forts? The thought was too horrible. The disk harrow one to three times early drawers of his escritoire and the safe that in the spring, before the corn is plantstood in his library revealed nothing to ed) from 80 to 95 per cent of the ants stood in his morary foraging party, dis-our eager eyes. A foraging party, dispatched to the ministry of finance (where, no further treatment is required durnio or his fair daughter), returned with ing the season. The peculiar virtues the discouraging news that nothing was of this remedy are that it is simple, visible but ledgers and bills. In deep effective and good for the corn, since dejection I threw myself into his excel- the soil is thereby put in a better state lency's chair with the doleful reflection of cultivation.

Safe Chickes Coop.

It has been proven by statistics that the raising of chickens is the greatest industry in the United States. of course this includes

these who are in aller a it, and also those a half dozen fowl in the back yard, Nevertheless, whethpleasure, chicken raising is an inter-

esting pastime that CHICKEN COOP. appeals to every-

body. It is claimed that chickens should have as much care as a human being to insure the best results, and modern methods certainly tend in that direction. The chicken coop shown here is a good example. It is simple, efficient and durable. As shown here it is rectangular in form, being made of sheet metal. The top and sides are bent to shape, with flanges at the bottom which connect with the flooring. At each side are supports which hold the coop slightly above the ground. tending to keep the coop moistureperforated doors, which are very easily held in position. At the bottom of each door is an extension, through which passes a rod, the latter extend-

Dry Farming.

The Campbell system of dry farming, which was first tried in the semiarid portions of North Dakota and about which much has appeared in newspapers and magazines within the past year or two, is doing great things for many portions of the Western States, where with a rainfall of but ten or twelve inches per annum bumper crops of corn, wheat, beets and other crops can be grown. This system of crop culture is based on the conservation of practically all of the moisture in the soil through a dust or surface mulch, and under it as high as forty bushels of corn to the acce have been their ability and trustworthiness. No Missouri product. In its present form, grown in North Dakota, fifty bushels wheat per acre in western Nebraska, A the departments at the capital can while better than twenty tons of beets have been produced in Colorado. White himself and gives reasonable attention vention of a Missourian. Here it first

value in those portions of the country where there is an abundant rainfall, it work. The man who has been longest Thirty years ago there lived in than twenty inches.

man who accepts a clerkship in any

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+ frame 2+.

Windfall Apples.

vinegar, the problem is comparatively simple. But where neither method of disposing of this product of the orchard Fred J. Buenzle, a chief yoeman in the falls from beneath the trees, and if first civil action ever taken to estab-

and turn them under.

Farmers and Poultry Fanciers. The farmer has a real grievance

against the poultry fancier, in that he enforcing discipline in the postal serhas done all of his crossing and invice, a system that has been in operabreeding of fathers, daughters, uncles tion for many years, is to be abolished. and aunts without any regard to prac- First Assistant Postmaster General search the country over for it. The tical utility, says Farming, whether the Hitchcock, who has jurisdiction of all quality of cobs in the vicinity of the hens from which he has been breeding postoffice employes, has reached the pipe factory had not been satisfactory. were producing sixty eggs a year or conclusion that it is detrimental rather as agricultural experiments had been 200 made no difference. His whole than helpful. He proposes to estab- toward increasing the size of the grain aim has been to breed out a foul flight lish a uniform system of efficiency ree- and diminishing the size of the cob. feather or two, or to create a better ords. To that end he has started As- Tibbe wanted large cobs. He had no comb, or eyes of a better tint at a sistant Superintendent John A. Holmes interest in the grain. sacrifice of everything else. The result of his bureau on a tour of inspection is that when a farmer goes into the of the largest postoffices of the United factory material the inventor made a market to buy thoroughbreds with his States. Dr. Holmes will confer with tour of the Southern States, finally remoney in his pocket ready and willing postmasters and their assistants reto pay for the best stock, he not only garding the change. often pays for qualities he does

not need, but actually pays has raising thoroughbred stock that is scrambled for the coins. An officer of swamps, also for use in the factory. demands, and those are the men that man explained that the money belonged reeds were easily procurable. They should be patronized.

ington and elsewhere white clover has

furnished the means for a final vic-

tory over crab grass. The white clov-

er gradually invades the area of crab

Improving the Herd

STORY OF THE CORN COB.

adustry Began in Missouri Thirty Years Ago-Annual Output.

Practically all of the corncob pipes used in the world are made in Missouri, declares the Kansas City Star. The annual production of more than 2000. 000 pounds means approximately 24,-000,000 pipes. The material used in their making is specially grown on thousands of acres of Missouri land. Uncle Sam does not pay princely Many smokers in England, Germany salaries to his army of clerks in Washand other European countries use the ington, but he has the merit of keep-"Missouri meerschaum." ing those in service who demonstrate

The corncob pipe is essentially a improved from the crude object whittled out by the casual farm hand since hope to become rich, but if he behaves corn cobs were discovered, was the inthis method of crop culture has little to the work he is assured of employ- attained the importance of an article ment for about as long as he cares to of commerce.

does have a tremendous import in all in Uncle Sam's employ is James F. Washington, Mo., a village twenty territory where there is fertility in Hobbs, one of the disbursing clerks. miles from St. Louis, a German cobthe soil, but an annual rainfall of less For more than fifty-three years he has bler, keysmith, clock repairer and allcome and gone in the regular routine round tinker, Henry Tibbe by name. of his work for the government. During This workman owned a small lathe his half-century of service for the gov- operated by a treadle, on which he What to do with the windfall apples ernment he, has paid out over \$200,- made odd and ingenious objects. One is a problem that gives the owner of 000,000, and there is not one scratch day, while watching the laborious every large orchard considerable con- against him showing an error of a manufacture of a cob pipe, shaped and ceru as the time for picking apples ap- single penny. There are several other hollowed out with a jackknife, it ocproaches. Where one is provided with clerks who have worked half a century curred to Tibbe that he could make an evaporator or is so fixed that he and a large number who have been in much better pipes on his lathe. He can convert this defective fruit into the service for more than forty years. tried the experiment and a little later was turning out the now famous "Mis-

Backed by the Navy Department, souri meerschaums" by thousands. is possible it is a question what is the United States Navy, has begun suit pipes on a lathe was not the end of best thing to do. An effective method for \$500 damages against the New- Tibbe's improvements. He realized of disposing of such apples and one port Amusement Association, which that the very porous quality that made which gives a certain return is to turn conducts the Seaview Dancing pavilion, cob pipes sweet to the smoker tended droves of hogs or sheep into the or- because he was excluded from the to make them shortlived. Many cobs chard periodically and allow them to place of amusement on account of his were so porous that air passed through clean them up. This not only disposes sailor's uniform. Recovery of the sum the sides, hastening combustion of the of the apples, but the worms as well, paid for the ticket and \$500 for the pipes as well as of the tobacco. Tibbe as such apples are usually wormy. In annoyance, mortification, indignity and tried closing the pores with glue, putty any case it is best to remove the wind- humiliation are demanded. This is the and other substances until he chanced they cannot be disposed of in any of lish the rights of United States sailors admirably. Then he patented the perupon plaster of parts, which worked the methods suggested it is best to put to appear at social entertainments in fected "meerschaum." them on the plow land with the menure uniform. It is understood that the

As there had never been any whole-Navy Department is paying the legal sale demand for corn cobs, the newly fees in order to establish a precedent. established pipe factory soon exhausted the available supply, and the manu-Fining of employes as a means of facture of pipes came to a standstill. Believing the industry would grow rapidly if he could procure the right sort of material the inventor determined to

turning home in triumph. He had discovered a grade of corn, despised by intelligent farmers, that "ran" to cob From a dray in the service of the in its development. He procured a premium for something that United States Subtreasury in New York quantity of seed, made contracts with been obtained at a sacrifice City a bag containing fifty dollars in farmers to plant it, and at the end of of the very qualities which he does nickels fell to the street, and the coins the following senson had ample mateneed. There are a few men, however. scattered in every direction. The crowd rial from the Mississippi and Arkansas "bred to lay," or to meet certain market the Treasury Department and a police- The stems for the pipes, made of

to the government, and requested that grew rank over thousands of acres of it be given back. The response was waste land.

They protested vehemently that they were as astonished as we were; and so they were, unless they acted consummate They denied that anyone had entered Then she continued: the outer room or that any sound had eded from the inner. They had kept | few minutes, Mr. Carr." intruder. Both the men inside were the

Captain Bachelor's Exploit Never

We looked and saw a door where h it, and found ourselves on the back staircase of the premises. Clearly the President had noiselessly opened this door and "Every five minutes, sir, I looked and

ian and a hero if ever one lived, with ing through the top of the coop and 350 colored troopers, a brave and spien- also into the ground, preventing the "Depend on it, the dressed man was the



er for business or

HERO OF PHILIPPINE WAR.

Received Deserved Credit.

major and surgeon, U. S. V., "that the lamented Captain Joseph B. Bachelor, U. S. A., commanding a battalion of the 24th Infantry, completed what is generally conceded to be the most remarkable and hazardous' expedition that

"Captain Bachelor, a North Carolin-

made them a brief speech, promising peace, security, liberty, plenty and all the goods of heaven. In a few stern the doctor came." words he cautioned them against "treachery," and announced that any rebellion against the Provisional government would meet with swift punishment. Then he posted his army in companies, to keep watch till all was quiet. And at last he said :

"Now, Martin, come back to the Golden House, and let's put that fellow in a safe place.

"Yes," said I, 'and have a look for the money." For really in the excitement it seemed as if there was a danger of the most important thing of all being forgotten

The dawn was now far advanced, and as we left the Plazza, we could are the Golden House at the other end of the avenue. All looked quiet, and the sentries were pacing to and fro. Drawing nearer, we saw two or three of the President's servauts busied about their ordinary tasks. One woman was already removing Johnny Carr's life-blood with a mop and a pail of water; and a carpenter was at work repairing the front door. Standing by it was a doctor's brougham. "Come to see Carr, I suppose," said 1.

Leaving our horses to the care of the men who were with us, we entered the house. Just inside we met the doctor himself. He was a shrewd little fellow, nam ed Anderson, generally popular, and, although a personal friend of the President's, not openly identified with either political party.

"I have a request to make to you, sir" he said to McGregor, 'about Mr. Carr." "Well, is he dead?" said the Colonel. "If he is, he's got himself to thank for

The doctor wisely declined to discuss this question, and confined himself to stating that he was not dead. On the contrary he was going on nicely.

"But" he went on, "quiet is essential, and I want to take him to my house, out of the racket. No doubt it is pretty quiet here now, but-"

The Colonel Interrupted :

Will he give his parole not to cape?"

"My dear sir," said the doctor, "the man couldn't more to save his life-and he's asleep now."

"You must wake him up to move him, I suppose," said the Colonel. "But you may take him. Let me know when he's well enough to see me. Meanwhile, I hold you responsible for his good behavior."

"Certainly," said the doctor. "I am content to be responsible for Mr. Carr." "All right; take him and get out. Now for Whittingham !"

"Hadn't we better get the money first?" said L.

"I must have a bit of food. I've tasted nothing for twelve hours."

One of the servants, hearing him, said "Breakfast can be served in a moment, And he ushered us into the large dining room, where we soon had an excellent meal. When we had got through most of it, I broke the silence by asking : "What are you going to do with him?" "I should like to shoot him," said the Colonel.

"On what charge ?"

"Treachery," he replied, "That would hardly do, would it ?"

Well, then, embeanlement of public funds."

We had a little talk about the President's destiny, and I tried to persuade the Colonel to milder measures. In fact, I was determined to prevent such a murder if I could without ruin to myself.

When was that?" "About half-past two, sir; just after "The doctor !" we cried. "Yes, sir: Dr. Anderson."

"You never told me he had been here." "He never went into the President'sinto General Whittingham's room, sir; but he came in here for five minutes, to get some water, and stood talking with us for a time. Half an hour after he came in for some more."

We began to see how it was done. That wretched little doctor was in the plot. Somehow or other he had communicated with the President; probably he knew of the door. Then, I fancied, they must have worked something in this way. The loctor comes in' to distract the sentries, while his excellency moves the bed. Finding that they took a look every five minutes, he told the President. Then he went and got Johnny Carr ready. Returning, he takes the President's place

on the bed, and in that character undergoes an inspection. The moment this is over he leaps up and goes out. Between them they bring in Carr, put him into hed, and slip out through the narrow space of open door behind the bedstead, When all was done, the doctor had come back to see if any suspicion had been "I have it now !" cried the Colonel

"That doctor's done us both. He couldn't get Whittingham out of the house without leave, so he's taken him as Carr! Swindled me into giving my leave. Ah look out if we meet, Mr. Doctor !"

We rushed out of the house and found this conjecture was true. The man who purported to be Carr had been carried out, enveloped in blankets, just as we sat lown to breakfast; the doctor had put im into the carriage, followed himself, and driven rapidly away.

"Which way did they go?" "Toward the harbor, sir," the sentry re-

The harbor could be reached in twenty minutes' fast driving. Without a word the Colonel sprang on his horse; I imitated him, and we galloped as hard as we could, everyone making way before our furious charge. Alas! we were too late. As we drew rein on the quay we saw. half a mile out to sea, and sailing before a stiff breeze, Johnny Carr's little yacht, with the Aureataland flag floating defi-

antly at her mast-head. We gazed at it blankly, with never ; word to say, and turned our horses' heads. Our attention was attracted by a small group of men standing round the stormsignal post. As we rode up, they hastly scattered, and we saw pinned to the post a sheet of note paper. Thereon was written in a well-known hand :

"I, Marcus W, Whittingham, President of the Republic of Aureataland, hereby offer a reward of five thousand dollars and a free pardon to any person or persons assisting in the capture, dead or talk." alive, of George McGregor (late Colone) in the Aurentaland army) and John Martin, bank manager, and I do further pro-claim the said George McGregor and John Martin to be traitors and rebels against

the Republic, and do pronounce their lives forfeited. Which sentence let every loyal can talk."-Philadelphia Press. citizen observe at his peril. "MARCUS W. WHITTINGHAM.

"President." Truly his was pleasant !

CHAPTER XVII.

The habit of reading having penetrat-ed, as we are told, to all classes of the community, I am not without hope that some who peruse this chronicle will be able, from personal experience, to under-"Well, we'll consider it when we've seen stand the feelings of a man when he first him," said the Colonel, rising. "We've finds a reward offered for his apprehen-

was over roads so difficult as to be almost impassable. They did not real-

ly deserve the name of roads, but were rather trails, through which our men ploded sinking up to their knees in mud. The expedition was chasing that

wily scamp, the famed Aguinaldo, through the northern and central portions of Luzon toward the China Sea. "I never saw men show truer courage than Bachelor's men did on this memor-

able march. With cheerful spirit they bore fatigues, scant rations and tattered clothes (many without shoes), every man displaying the gallantry of their noble leader, pushing into an unknown country, with no definite idea of the force they might have to oppose. In brief, this band of 350, insufficiently clothed, marched without guides into a strange region, through chilling nights and sweltering days, made 123 deep fords, crossed precipitous mountains where the dally average of ascent and descent was not less than 8,000 feet;

ferried twice and once forced a passage over an unfordable stream ; lived top to grow. three weeks on unaccustomed and insufficient food; twice drove the enemy from strong positions; killed, wounded

three provinces, liberated more than 400 prisoners; forced the surrender of the general commanding all the insurrecto forces in its front and made the people of these three rich provinces in Luzon enthusiastic advocates of Amerlean supremacy. "No other single command in the

Philippines ever went through such hardships or accomplished so much as these negro soldiers of Bachelor and no officer ever received so little credit. The untimely death of the great and glorious Lawton, who verbally ordered

Bachelor to strike into the mountains and look for Aguinaido, live off the country and 'push for all you are worth' and who was personally cog-

nizant of how well his order had been obeyed, robbed the command and Bachelor of the credit and fame so grandly won, General Lawton was killed before he could make out his report and Bachelor died of cholera in the Philippines, going to his grave without reward or recognition for one of the

Being a Woman.

"The typewritergirl we have now," said Merchant, "can rattle things off at a loss. The point of highest profit the machine as fast as a fellow can in feed must be determined by experi-"Do you mean to say she can take the locality and circumstances of the down remarks as fast as any one can feeder.

make them?" "I said as fast as any fellow can talk. She can't do it as fast as she

Two of a Kind. "George !" "Yes, darling."

> the bridal pair?"-Baltimore American. for scale or up to twenty times for lice. No Mother-in-Law. Singleton-So you don't believe in

monarchical form of government, eh? Wedderly-I should say not! That's why I married an orphan.

Sheep the Market Demands.

Says a Western writer on sheep: apple trees, says Country Gentleman. The market calls for theep with a dark Ten years ago they were thinking of face and legs, and a close fleece is a 1 cutting them down and setting out advantage. There never has been a peach trees. To-day every half-dead time when a fair profit could not te tree is trimmed, and if there is no obtained from the keeping of sheep. enough manure, fertilizer is bought for Puero are in the world to-day 90,000,030 these half-dead trees. Six years ago

fewer sheep than twelve years ago, and one of Saugatuck's young farmers marthe consumption of mutton and wool is ried a Chicago girl who used to spend rapidly increasing, hence it is safe to her vacation there. She loved country conclude that sheep to the farmer is a life, and was a subscriber to agriculsafe proposition. Do not start on a tural magazines. Her husband's or targe scale; begin low and work up. chard was just like the rest, untrimmed The Western farmer does not like to do and had never been sprayed. She made this, and you are no exception. You him buy manure, trim the trees, plow have never planted the apple because and spray. Two years ago he began you did not expect to stay to eat the to hire his neighbor's orchards. Last fruit. You must rush on and do big year he was the only one who had apthings. Do you not know that in the ples to sell, and cleared \$2,000.

animal as well as the vegetable world Routing Crab Grass with Clover. rapid growth means rapid decay? Plant this live stock business and then give It time to strike its roots deep down, and after it is fairly rooted allow the

Packing Apples.

In packing apples for market first asand captured many natives; turned form in size and quality. Pack in sound, sort them, so that they will run uniclean barrels-barrels with flat hoops preferred. Turn the upper head down, take out the lower head and place a large sheet of white paper next the head, then pack the first layer of apples with the stem ends upon the head. Pack the second tier, but reverse the

dark-green carpet. apples; then fill the apples without bruising the fruit. Shake down thoroughly and fill so full that the head must be pressed in with a lever or barrel press; then fasten the head, turn the barrel over and mark plainly the name of the variety contained. Extra care and labor in packing enhances the value when selling.

Grow Feed on the Farm.

The Massachusetts State crop report contains an article by Prof. F. S. Cooley on "Some Causes Affecting the Profits of Dairying." On the subject of feeding dairy cattle the professor urges extremities of the roots, leaving noththat feeds be produced on the farm as ing but the ashes.-Farming. far as possible. Usually the best practice is to purchase only feeds rich in protein and raise the coarse fodders

on the farm. Cows fed on starvation cellence of the breed. If this is accomrations yield no profit, and those overplished it will insure a malformity in fed with expensive feeds are also kept type that is highly desirable. If in addition to this it is possible to select

ment and calculation, and varies with bred they will be more likely to pro-

Home-Made Kerosene Emulsion. The amateur can make this very easlly: Take of hard soap half a pound

and dissolve in one gallon of boiling water; then add two gallons of kerosene and churn thoroughly for ten min-

utes. The efficiency of the preparation "Don't you think that the best fruits depends upon thorough mixing. This of romance are the wedding date and stock mixture is diluted four times

> The stronger dilution will have one gallon of kerosene to six and a half of water. Where the water is very hard, your arrangements for housing before use one gallon of sour milk to two gal-

mmediate. Every one of the thousand Fruit growers about Saugatuck, coins was returned. There is no reason Mich., have been busy trimming their American people. - :--- :-Who owns the champion egg layer of

> the Agricultural Department, through the temporary awarding of the prize to a fowl possessed by a worthy citizen of Alexandria, Va. The award is subject to revision and later returns may deprive the proud Alexandrian of his laurels. The Virginia champion has since Oct. 5, 1905, 291 eggs to her credit and before the close of the year will cross the 300 mark. Exclusive of the moulting season the hen has laid an egg every twenty-five hours.

Bodies of the pauper dead in the District of Columbia are not to be buried

in the potter's field, but are to be cre-Crab grass is like the dog in the mated, for Congress has appropriated manger, it kills out every other stem \$15,000 for building a suitable cremaof green grass and then turns brown tory. Objection to cremation is heard itself. It makes a coarse and ugly less frequently than it was a generacover in the lawn and the individual tion ago, possibly because the people who attempts to eradicate it by dighave begun to understand that incinerging and cultivation may be entirely ation is only a quickening of the natwithout a lawn for two or three years. ural process that goes on in the poor man had been an inmate of Sainte If anything can get the best of crab grass in a fair contest, it is white ground. to your for clover. In a number of lawns in Wash-

comparatively recent vessels - have

Easy Way to Get Rid of Stumps. een withdrawn from active duty. A method of getting rid of stumps which has been highly recommended and which, to be effective, should be done now, is as follows: Bore a hole cost of the smallest of the vessels sold.

one or two inches in diameter and - 2---- 2about eighteen inches deep into the Genera lorders issued by the War center of the stump. Then put into Department fix the enlisted strength of this hole one or two ounces of saltthe army at 62,515 men. There are 18,peter. Fill the hole with water and 165 in the artillery corps, 24,480 men plug it up. In the spring take out in the thirty regiments of infantry, the plug, pour in about one-half gal- 1.282 in the three battalions of engiion of kerosene oll and light it. The neers and 4,478 in staff departments. stump will smolder away to the very

The Department of Commerce and Labor finds that the value of raw cotton exported in the last fiscal year, for Select as far as possible females the first time, passed the \$400,000,000 which conform to the standard of exmark, exceeding by far the value of any other article of merchandise sent out of the country. Exports, of breadstuffs reached \$186,000,000, provisions \$211.-000,000, and those of iron and steel cows and heifers that are similarly sictooo.coo. Europe is the principal enstomer for our raw cotton and China for the manufactured product.

> James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern system, now on the Pacific coast on a tour of inspection, appeared before the corporations committee of the City Council of Seattle and protested against

the route which had been selected by the Union Pacific railroad for its proposed entrance into that city. He said there was traffic enough for all, but that the route selected was objectionable to the inpromise yourself that you will provide terests represented by him.

> A Civil War veteran who says he married Cassie Chadwick in 1862 charges her with being a bigamist. Those who have even her will think it hardly possible.

Protected by his patent, Tibbe and one or two associates enjoyed for sevto suppose that this crowd had been enteen years a monopoly in the manuspecially chosen by fate to represent the facture of cob pipes. In that time the industry grew rapidly and netted the owners substantial fortunes. The origall hens? This question is raised by Inal design for the pipes was elaborfancy shapes, including cigar and cigarette holders.

With the expiration of the patent right, competition sprang up in the little town of Washington. There are five factories there now, all prospering through the ever growing demand for the homely cob.

The merits of the "Missouri meerschaum" are now universally appreciated, and all sorts and conditions of people enjoy its soothing companionship. Even the hard-headed Briton, wedded to his stocky briar, has come to enjoy a smoke from the American cornfield product.

STORIES OF PROMPTERS.

One Who Warned Against the Villian-Another Was a Hunter.

The ex-prompter of the Comedie Francaise has committed suicide. The Anne's lunatic asylum for some time.

At S:30 o'clock each evening he fancied Preparation for war is an expensive he heard the three traditional knocks process. The United States gunboat which, in a French theater, herald the Bancroft has just been consigned to going up of the curtain, says the Pall the scrap-heap after but thirteen years Mall Gazette. He would become very grass, replacing the latter with a close, of service; and the battleship Texas excited and declare that the company and the cruiser Philadelphia-both was waiting for him. "What will M. Mounet-Sully say?" he would exclaim. " Stories are told of other prompters. Within a short time thirty British war There was one good man in a suburban ressels have been sold for a sum the theater whose own private troubles aggregate of which was less than the were revived every time the innocent heroine was carried off by the villian

of the piece. "Ah, the scoundrel!" he would shout from his box, "can they not see what he is doing?" He would give audible warnings to the husband to keep his wife clear from all intrigues against her fidelity. These remarks "hors texte" were a little embarrassing to the actors and actresses upon the stage, who were never quite certain which belonged to the book and which was the invention of the "souffleur."

Another member of this humble pro fession was a great nimrod. His days were spent in shooting. On many occasions he arrived at the theater with his bag of partridges and ground game. In an evil moment he brought also his retriever. The animal crouched quietly enough at his feet in the little box below the stage until he was agitated by the behavior of the hero and commenced to bark furiously. It was pointed out to the dog owner that he was paid to prompt and not to bark and the spaniel came no more to the theater.

Felt Easter.

Nervous Passenger (during thunderstorm)-Ain't it dangerous to be on a street car when it's lightning so?

Calm Passenger-Not at all. You see, the motorman is a non-conductor. And then the pervous one felt easier. -Toledo Blade,

The more some people "kick" for their rights, the fewer they get.

duce uniformity in their offspring. Care of Machinery. Thousands of dollars' worth of farm machinery is now being shipped into the country that will never again be

protected from the weather. This exposure means an appalling financial loss to the farmers, since it re-

duces fully one-half the period of use fulness of an intricate machine, When buying your new implem

them shelter and the best of care. Make you purchase. Summer rains are as destructive as winter snows. lons of kerosene.

bravest expeditions in modern times."