Topics of the Times

There is never any decrease in the cost of wild oats.

Henry Gassaway Davis has formally respired no ad place on the matrimonial Bleket.

Members of the Thaw family probably never dreamed that a reputation for going crazy would come handy some day.

American helresses keep right on jumping over the precipice. Nothing in the way of divorce history, it seems, will stop them.

"Steam vachts were never chesper," suys the Boston Herald, Just our luck. when fashlou decrees that ballooning is the proper caper.

Try as hard as they may, it is next to impossible for some men to look pleasant when a small boy hits them in the ear with a snowball.

According to a Boston philosopher, death is one endless dream. What a dream it must be for those who pass away during an attack of indigestion!

Until a reformer has a respectable following he is sure to be called a crank; but when the multitude begins to gather about him he can hold up his head as a great leader.

President Eliot says that the "violent and flerce" sports of to-day are not necessary for the soldier. This may be so, but he can't deny it's great training for the ambulance corps.

We are grieved to the heart to note that little Kate Vanderbilt, being but a child of 4, could not give Count and Countess Szechenyl anything more elaborate than a beggarly outfit of solid gold dinner plates.

Swarthmore gave up \$3,000,000 to preserve its freedom, and the first use the students make of it is to put a cow in the dormitory at night. Looks to us like paying a pretty high price for beef, even in these days.

The Congressman who wishes to pro vide for our ex-Presidents by making them life members of The Hague conference must have an idea that it is going to be necessary to keep on having Hague conferences forever.

It has been decided by the properly constituted authorities that the stripes must be removed from all barber poles in Atlantic City. It is gratifying to be able to report that the Atlantic City barbers will be permitted to continue to refer to their establishments as tonsorial partors.

Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, for many years physical director of Harvard uni- and the dog espied a barrier of tar used overheard the latter portion of the cer years physical director of Harvard uni- and the dog espied a partial of tar used overheard the latter portion of the cer years of all left of the latter portion of the cer years of the latter portion of the latter portion of the cer years of the latter portion of the physical training of going men and young women, has found by observation and measurement that high sunken eyes, flat chests, round shoulders and small, flabby muscles are cluracteristic of them, he declares, Or the other hand, the leaders in athletics too often have flabby intellectual muscles. The conditions form a strong argument for making physical training a part of the regular college currieu him. This is niready the practice in some colleges for men and in most colleges for women. It might well be in

The German Emperor's range of activitles has long been recognized, and is frequently the cause of amusing comment. During his recent visit to Lon don he visited a milliner's shop alone one day, and bought several hats for the Empress, who poor woman! had not even a chance to see one, much less relates this fact prints in the same issue an account of the occupation of Kuto-Chan by Germany. The author and motion-besides the common one published under imperial patronage, tration, had stated that the occupation was carried out as the result of a proposal by the missionary, Bishop Anzer. The sions to their respective centers of per me as wholly unsuitable. I therefore gived together. Each half wishes to go dered."

Its own way and there is no concord "We take our chance of these things." climpter on Shantung, I decided for the port of Klao-Chau, as Baron von Richthofen's opinion of the hinterland was so remarkably favorable. Bishop Auzer had nothing to do with the decis-

Wealthy American women have recotty taken up ballooning, and friendly observer is inspired to dilate upon the inexpensiveness of the pastime, and then to let his imagination sour. A fine balloon, he says, costs only five hundred dollars, and one "sailor" can run it, whereas a yacht, or even an automobile, may easily eat up a modest fortune every year. This is fact. Fancy takes command as the author suggests the charm of Encations spent in captive balloons, or, better still, in "kite houses," moored trywhere from a thousand to ten thousand feer above the surface, in that pure and rarefied atmosphere which invalids go far to find. Provisions would be sent up and lefters sent down in a traveling busker; there could be telephone connection; and harsh sounds, unsightly scenes and disagreeable odors would all be cut off by distance. To be sure the wind and the kite house might take a notion to fall simultaneously. Then a woman who had ascended to escape the tension of business or scolety or family affairs would have a fine chance to learn whether the experiment had strengthened her nerves. But granting that all went well above, and granting that our women would conment to flee-or fly-their responsibilities, such an undertaking would probably be hampered from below. Unless the water the water the batter to be the beautiful to th occupant of an air castle arranged to return to earth at frequent intervals her husband or her sweetheart would get her back, even if he had to take the risk of climbing up the cable.

At the present time the United States

stands at the head of the procession

of natious in industrial efficiency

America's industries are in conse-

how long will American supremacy last? That is a question that should

give the country great concern, in view

of facts about Germany that were

brought to light at the recent conven

tion of he National Society for the

Berlin to-day 55 per cent of all boys

between 14 and 16 years of age are it

industrial schools, training themselves

schools and shop. In Chicago, on the

other hand, less than one-tenth of 1

Cut and Dog Drive Sheep Into Tar-

Crew Shear Them.

uted more or less to the fun.

One day the cook ran to Capt. Niel-

The captain and the crew hurrle

TWO ANIMALS ARE IN ONE.

and the Other Asleep.

To all appearances and according to

the crew could not budge them.

the vessel's table.

covered.

dog got away.

and being trained by a combination of

quence the greatest in the world. But

Girdlestone

flaw which the goury toes, there was not a

flaw which the most severe critic of de-portment could have detected. Let us a ld that the conversation of the major was as irrepressible.

as irreproachable as his person that he was a distinguished soldier and an accom-

plished traveler, with a retentive memory and a mind stuffed with the good things of a lifetime. Combine all these quali-ties, and one would naturally regard the major as

major as a most desirable sequaintance. Standing at the head of the broad stone

steps which lead up to the palatial edi-

fice which its occupiers irreterently term the "Rag and Bobtail," he was explain-

the production of his own portly stiff-backed figure. His companion, who was none other than Ezra Girdlestone of the

great African firm of that name, leaned against one of the pillars of the portico

and listened gloomily to the major's fam-

ily reminiscences, giving an occasional

yawn which he made no attempt to con-

"It's as plain as the fingers of m-

muffled brogue as if he were speaking

now, Girdlestone this is Miss Letitia

Snackles, of Snackleton, a cousin of o'll Sir Joseph." The major tapped his

thumb with the silver head of his waik-

ing stick to represent the maiden Snackles. "She marries Crawford, of the

Blues-one o' the Warwickshire Craw-fords; that's him"-here he elevated his

stubby forefinger-"and here's their three

children, Jemima, Harold and John." Up

went three other fingers. "Jenuma Craw-ford grows up, and then Charley Clutter-

buck runs away with her. This other thumb o' mine will stand for that young

"Oh, hang your fingers," Girilestone ex

"And so I shall, me boy!" the major

cried enthusiastically, by no means abast-

ed at the sudden interruption. "I'll draw

it up on a bit of foolscap paper. Let's

see, Fenchurch street, eh? Address to the

you. I was spakin' of ye to Sir Mus

grave Moore, of the Rifles the other day.

and he knew you at once. 'Girdlestone'

says he. "The same,' says I. 'A mer-

chant prince?' says he. 'The same,' says

I. 'I'd be proud to meet him,' says be.

'And you shall,' says I. He's the best

"More blood than money, I suppose,

"Card room, as per usual," quoth the

the young man said. "I'm due in the city.

The governor leaves at four. Good-by

clean-shaven warrior. He looked after the retreating figure of his late compan-

ion with anything but a pleasant expres-

sion upon his face. The young man hap-

pened to giance round as he was half way

down the street, on which the major smii-

ed after him paternally, and gave a merry

At last he hailed a passing bus, into

which he sprang. After a drive which

he got out in a broad, busy thoroughfare. Hund with large ships Phonen I somber avenue the major street with all his

wonted pompesity, pitil about half way down he reamed a tall gran-looking

house, with many notices of "apartments"

glaring from the windows. The major

pushing open the great splotchy door,

Mrs. Robin, he walked 'nto the hall

with the air done who treads familiar

ground. Up as flight of stairs, up two

flights of stain and up three flights of

stairs did be dimb, until on the fourth

landing he pushed open a door and found

a mail room, which form d

for the nonce the "little place" about

which he was cont at the club to make

depreciatory allaions, so skillifully intro-

duced that the istener was left in doubt

as to whether he major was the happy

possessor of a centry house and grounde,

or whether he mrely owned a large sur-

urban villa. Even this modest sanctum

shown by the presence of a ruddy-faced

man with a long tawny beard, who sat

on one side of the empty fireplace. As

the other entered the man in he chair

Clutterbuck retuned the greeting with an

off-handed nod. His next proceeding was

to take off his glossy hat, and pack it

away in a hat ber. He then removed his

coat, his collar, his tie and his gaiters

with equal solicitude, and put them in a

a long purple dressing gown and a smok-

first steps of a mazurka as a sign of the

additional case which he experienced.

what may become of us."

things right."

ing cap, in which garb he performed the

"Not much to dance about either, me

oy," the old soldier said, seating himself

"We have been badder than this before

w many a time," said the yellow beard-

ed man, in an accent which proclaimed him to be a German. "Ms money vil

come, or something will arrive to set all

Signmond von Baumser was a political

refugee from the Fatherian I who had

managed to become foreign clerk in a

small Landon firm, an occupation which

just enabled him to keep body and sort

together. He and the major and lodged

in different mons in another establish-

ment until some common leaven of Bohs-

When circumstances had driven them out

Von Baumser he would diminish his own

expenses, and at the same time secure an

agreeable companies, for the veteran was

the German, for he had a protound ad-

miration for the other's versatile talents

and varied experiences, so he grunted an

acquiescence and the thing was done,

ingly as best they might.

Von Baumser shock his head

in a camp chair and putting his feet upon

another one. "We're all on the verge. Unless luck takes a turn there's no saying

place of safety. After which ne donned

gave vent to agutural grunt, and Major

rought him to the other side of the city.

blood of county Waterford."

shall I see you to night?"

flourish with his stick,

claimed with emphasis. "It's very inter-esting, major, but it would be more in-

divil Charley, and then my fingers-

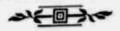
telligible if you wrote it out."

from under a feather bed.

the old soldier said in a wheezy

The major tapped his

A. CONAN DOYLE



CHAPTER II .- (Continued.) "Very well," the merchant said coldly If you insist on it, it must be done. But per cent are getting similar training of course, it would make a great difference

> "You are at present getting fifteen mission. These are exceptional terms in

American lack of system in training youth, says the Chicago Journal. Germany in a few years will have a vast States should decide without delay to man. You'd reduce my salary, would neorporate technical training into the public school system as the basis of control of home and foreign markets working himself into a fury. "Me that has worked for ye, and slaved for ye, and

Otherwise those markets will slip from risked my life for ye. You try it on, our grasp before many years have guv'nor, just you try it on! duppose I passed. ANIMALS ADD TO SEAMEN'S JOY. of Girdlestone be then? I guess you'd rather double my wage than have that

"arn goin' about." "What do you mean?" "What do I mean? You don't know offices, of course. Though for that matter, 'Girdlestone, London,' would foind

Tribune. The Cimbria had a big consignment of dogs, cats, sheep and other
domestic animals, all of which contrib"In course I do," thundered the anger

The senior partner struck the gong When they were a few days out a tomeat and a pet dog started the fun which stood upon the table. "Gilray," he said quietly, "go out and bring in a po-

along to the other pets, which by this somewhat startled by this sudden move time had been allowed a certain amount of his antagonist. "Steady your helm, of freedom. Day after day they at governor," he said. "What are ye up to tacked the milk supply, and each day now?" there was a scarcity of that fluid at

"What for?" "For intimidating and using threatening language, and endeavoring to extort

sen and told him there was not a pint of milk in the kitchen. The crew held "There's no witnesses." "There's no witnesses," the railor said a conference. Tom was suspected in a half-cringing, half-defant manner. While the conference was on Tom and "Oh, yea, there are," Ezra Girdleston the pet dog got in among the sheep and remarked, coming into the room. He had other animals and created an uproar of been standing between the two door bleats, barks, screams and whines. Tom which led to the counting house, and had versity, and all his life concerned in as ballast. It was standing end up, un You were saying that you would blacken my father's character unless he increased By pouncing on the sheep's backs and your salary."

marks?" asked the merchant.

"Did any one suggest it to you?"

"Shear them," suggested one of the asked Gilray, opening the door. crew. And they were shorn. The crew worked for three days on the deck be diestone answered. "And now, captain, fore they scraped off the wool and tan to return to the original point, shall we salary, or do you see your way to going

Half of a Chameleon May Be Awake "When d'ye want me to start?" lessly. "When she's unloaded and loaded up again. Three weeks or a mouth yet. the researches of those best capable expect that Spender will have come

the nervous centers in one lateral half try one on. The London paper which of the chameleon go on independently way," said Captain Hamilton Miggs, with of those in the other, and it has two lateral centers of perception—sensation we came up the coast. I say," he continof a patriotic historical work, lately in which reside the faculty of concendown in the bay this last time, you'd ha been a bit out in your reckoning-el, The eyes move independently of one what?"

another and convey separate impres

"Well, we were over-insured on our out-Emperor wrote in a marginal note, ception. The consequence is that when ward passage. An accident then might Wrong. I selected Kino-Chau after 1 the animal is agitated its movements ha' put thousands in your pocket I know, reconnectered. Both were reported to er, perhaps, two halves of animals You'd ha' been out o' pocket if we'd founhad had Sam-sa Bay and Wei-hai-wei resemble those of two animals, or rath. Coming back, though, the cargo was

the merchant said with dignity. The chameleon, therefore, is the only "Well, good morning, guv'ner,"

concentration is lost and the creatury lng his head in the direction watch Miggs "He's a rum chap," he remarked, jerktumbles about as if in a state of in-

ganism acts in accordance with the de "He doesn't seem much the worse for the climate, either."

The chameleon, moreover, may be shockingly immoral! However, to return fast asleep on one side and wide awake to business. I wish you to see the unon the other. Cautiously approached at derwriters and pay the premium of the the major that by sharing his rooms with en the whole animal at once, the eye increase the policy, but do it carefully, turned toward the light will open, be Ezra, and with tact. She will start about gin to move, and the corresponding side the time of the equinoctial gales. If any a sociable soul in his unofficial hours, and to change color, whereas the other side, thing should happen to ber, it would be will remain for a longer or shorter time as well that the firm should have a marine in a torpid, motionless and unchanges will remain for a longer or shorter time on the right side."

A sociable soul in his unofficial hours, and had all the Hibernian dislike to solitude. The arrangement commended itself to in a torpid, metionless and unchanged

A Truth Brought Home.

emy. 1:----" "If that's so," interrupted old Rox-

state, with its eye fast shut. - Scientific

American,

by. "I guess that young wife of mine time they happened to be in his direction. As he carefully refrained, however, loves me for the enemies I've made." | from ever giving the slightest indication Philadelphia Ledger.

days after his funeral. If he has been the recipient with a vague sence of profa good man and a successful man, he fered hospitality, and occasionally led to is remembered two weeks.

There is nothing so deep as the silence of an unsympathetic listener.

The Firm of

Promotion of Industrial Education. Is

Our boys of that age are either in pub in your salary."

He schools, where no technical training is given, or at work in offices and shops pounds a month, and five per cent comwhere education is not imparted, or else roaming the streets and growing consideration of any risk that you may up into hoodlums and criminals. Amer run. We shall dry dock the Black Eagle, ican industry cannot fail to feel, with and your salary is now ten pounds a in a short time, the results of our month and two and a half commission.

army of trained and educated work beat me down!" he hissed, advancing to men who will wrest America's trade su the table and leaning his hands upon it premacy away from her, unless we while he pushed his angry face forward change our methods and realize the ne until it was within a foot of that of the cessity of forming a similar class in merchant. "Don't you try that game on, this country. The people of the United mate, for I am a freeborn British sea-States should decide without delay to man, and I am under the thumb of no

The crew of the Norwegian bark Cimbria, which arrived here yesterday what I mean, do you? Of course not. It morning from Montevideo, were enter-tained by several unusual incidents or the trip, several unusual incidents or the trip, according to the New York so as to be able to overload. That wasn't

eaman.

liceman."

self to the milk and passed the word Captain Hamilton Miggs seemed to be

"I'm going to give you in charge."

snapping at the other animals, Tom and "I didn't mean no harm," said Capta a scholarship men and women as a class the dog got them all behind the barrel Hamilton Miggs, glancing nervously fro. are physically defective. Pale faces, and in their eagerness to escape the the one to the other. He had been fairly animals upset it. The tar spilled over well known to the law in his younger the deck, and in a few seconds the days, and had no desire to renew the ac-

leep were stuck fast. Tom and the quaintance. "Who painted out those

"It was me." to the scene and found the sheep stuck fast to the deck. Do what they could

"No." "Shall I send in the policeman, sir? "Ask him to wait for a moment," Girdry dock the Black Eagle and reduce the

back in her on the same terms?" "I'll go back," said the captain reck-

of forming an opinion on the subject with the Maid of Athens by that time." "Unless some accident happens on the a leer. "He was at Sierra Leone when ued, giving his employer a confidential audge with his elbow, "suppose we'd gone

"Why so?"

four legged vertebrate that is unable to tain Hamilton Miggs said brusquely. swim. It becomes so frightened when As he passed out through the office, dropped into water that all faculty of Exra rejoined his father.

had taken. "A useful servant, though."
"The fellow's half a savage himself," When a chameleon is disturbed his father said. "He's in his element every impulse to motion is referred to smoog them. That's why he gets on so the proper fribunal and the whole or well with them."

"His body does not, but his ideas are mianism had brought them together.

CHAPTER III. The residence of Major Tobias Clurrbuck was not known to any of his When the major's luck was good there fends. It is true that at times he at friends. It is true that at times he at "After all," said the moralist, "the luded in a modest way to his "little floor back. On the other hand, if any almighty dollar is man's greatest en place," and even went the length of re- slice of good fortune came in the Ger be hoped they would look him up any time they happened to be in his direcof which direction that might be, his invitations never led to any practical re-The average man is forgotten in two suits. Still, they had the effect of filling

> awaiting it. nore substantial kindness in return. The gallant major's figure was a familiar one in the card room of the "Rag and Bobtail," or at the bow window of the Jounesse Dorse. Tall and pompous, with | Major Clutterbuck took ten sovereigns

out of his trousers pocket and placed a portly frame and a puty clean-shaven a portly frame and a pury abnormally face which peered over as abnormally high collar and old fashiosel inen cravat, he stood as a very type and emblem of stafd middle-aged respectability. The major's hat was always of the glossiest, the major's coat the table. them upon the table. "You know me law," he said, "I never on any consideration break into these. You can't sit down to play cards for high staxes with less in your purse, and if I was to change one the major's coat was without a wrinkle, and, in short, from the summit of the major's hald head to his ballous fluger-tips and his more to be a not a they'd all go like a whiff o' smoke. Bur this money I've hardly a penny.

"Nor me," said Von Baumser, despond-

ently. "I say, Baumser, I can't stand that fellow Girdlestone. I'll have to buck him up. He's a cold-blooded ffintybrarted, calculating sort of a casp. "What for did you make bim you

friend, then?". "Well," the old soldier contessed, "it emed to me that if he wanted to fool his money away at cards, Tobias Clutterbuck might as well have the handling of it as any one else. He plays a safe game for low stakes, and never throws away a chance. I think I've beer a loser who is here to-day and away to-mor-in pocket by knowing him, walle as to row the owner of a farm becomes ataway a chance. I think I've been a loser me character, I'm very sure I'm the worse there.

ing to a bull-necked, olie-complexioned young man, the series of marriages and inter-marriages which had culminated in the production "Vat's the matter mit him?" "What's not the matter with him? If he's agreeable he's not natural, and if he's natural he's not agreeable. I don't pretend to be a saint. I've seen some fun in my day, and hope to see some more be expected that in the first few years perior to that of milk which is before I die, but there are some things after taking up a homestead that the frozen at common temperature. that I wouldn't do. If I live be cards it's all fair and above board. I never play anything but games o' skill, and I reckon on me skill bringing me out on the right side, taking one night with another through the year. Again, at billiards I may not always play me best, but that's generalship. You don't want a whole room to knew to a point what your game is. I'm the last man to preach, but I don't like that chap, and I don't like that handsome brazen face of his. I've spent the greater part of my life reading folks' faces, and never very far out, either.

"Vat did you say his name was?" Von Baumser asked, suddenly. "Girdlestone. "Is his father a merchant? One whe

rades with the Afrikaner?" "The same." Von Baumser took a bulky pocketbook from his inside pocket and scanned a long gradually though having all the time plying milk in the great cities.

list of names therein. "Ah, it is the a fixed plan in view. Land is not so same," he cried at last triumphantly, valuable that an acre or two cannot be shutting up the book and replacing it. devoted to artificial adornment, Girdlestone & Co., African merchants -Fenchurch street, City." for necessities, then for comforts and

"Those are they." "And you say they are rch?"

"Yes. Very rich."
"Very rich! Ho, ho! Very rich!" he laughed. "I know dem, not as friends, but I know dem and their affairs" "What are you driving at? Let's have

and buildings. The illustrations given it. Out with it, man." "I tell you," said the German, sudden ly becoming supernaturally solemn and the farm home without any considersawing his hand up and down in the air able expense. The first shows a farm to emphasize his remarks, "in three or home well sheltered by surrounding four months, or a year at the most, there will be no firm of Girdlestone. They are trees. The space immediately around rotten, useless whoo!" He blew an imthe house is clear to allow of circulaaginary feather up into the air to demon- tion of the air. The view from the strate the extreme fragility of the house front of the house is unobstructed. The in question

(To be continued.)

SEES PERIL AHEAD. Judge Grossenp Denounces Corporate

Control of the People's Wealth. Judge Peter S. Grosscup, the famous Chicago jurist, is firm in his conviction that the corporate control of the people's wealth constitutes a danger to the republic. In a recent address in Chiengo he said: "We are in the midst of a most phenomenal national develop-

nent. We have a greater circulation of money per capita than ever perore. Yet we are told it is not large enough. Higher wages are being paid, working not a model to be followed in detail. walked briskle up the stone steps, and men are more skilled, industry and but embodying some general principles commerce and our capacity for con- that may be adopted. which bore ups it a brass plate indicat- suming products are larger than ever Straight lines and square plots so ing that the stablishment was kept by was the case in the world's history. Our desirable in the laying out of fields are crops for the last seven or eight years not the most desirable for the home have been phenomenal. Never before grounds. Curved lines especially for has there been so great a foreign de the driveways take away the stiffness mand for American products. Yet, with and add naturalness to the scene. In oil these elements of prosperity in our the illustration the double driveway in favor, we find business for the moment front makes too complicated a plan for in a state of paralysis.

"We are like a man stepping sudden ly from bright sunshine into a mist. Our banks are sound, our industries to allow free circulation of the air and are sound, our productivity is sound, we are hopeful and expectant. Some say there is not enough currency in was not entirely the major's own as was | the country. I cannot see how, if there was enough some time ago, there is not

enough now. "America is going through a trans formation. We have come in the last twenty years to a place where we are bound to pause and readjust ourselves to new conditions. Twenty years ago the people of the United States had invested in industries through the banks less than \$2,000,000,000. Of the peo ple's wealth there is loaned to borrowers from the banks now a sum five or ten times larger in proportion.

"Thirty years ago the country's in dustries belonged to the men conducting them. Now the ninety and nine furnish the bone and sinew of the enterpelise controlled by the one. This is ways more numerous near gins than at regularity in its receipt. One article a dangerous condition if permitted to go on uncontrollled. Unless we think more deeply and carefully than some of our political leaders there is trouble ahead for the nation.

"The corporation has not been looked after as a means of exercising the property instinct of the American peo-A corporation which subserves this purpose honestly and fairly, doing what class of people need an evening its duty by the public and the investor, is doing a public service. If it uses day in the dusty fields? A good bath 'quick-rich' methods-I care not wheth at night should be a necessity that er it is a gentlemen's club or a swindier's scheme-it is a menace and a dis-

not absolved from blame by having had erwoman, no personal part in the fraud."

Husband (as they arrive at the sta-Lake Thun. It takes the form of a tion a minute too late)-If you hadn't we wouldn't have been too late. Wife-And if you hadn't made me

taken so much time with your toilet, ing continually from a spout high up suffer puddles to exist in the vicinity in the tree. About twenty years ago thereof. the water from a spring was conducted run, we wouldn't have to wait so long through a shaft, and the supply pipe the sick hog and in most cases he will for the next train!-Translated for was directed through the cut trunk of got back his health and his appetite all Transatiantic Tales from Meggendorfer s young poplar tree, which was rammed right. in the ground, says Woman's Life. Aft-

Frozen Milk

Planning the Homegrounds.

Because of the permanency of habi-

needs to be taken in deciding upon

tree planting. Unlike the town resident

tached to his home and can look for-

ward confidently to leaving it to his

sons and grandsons after him. The

Transfer

A SHELTERED HOME.

gardens, driveways, lawns and shrub-

It is the rule of life to provide first

finally for pleasures. Most of our coun-

try is too new to permit of much atten-

ing. The efforts of the people have

been directed to the acquiring of lands

herewith are intended to offer sugges-

tions for improving the appearance of

done in planning the home grounds-

WELL PLANNED GROUNDS

the ordinary farm. A variety of trees

and shrubs should be used around the

house without having them too close

a view of the roadway in front.-Mon-

Hibernation of Boll Weevils.

It has been often noticed that in a

wooded country boll weevils appear

first in spring along the borders of

fields next to the woods and gradually

work inward from the edges, so that it

seems probable that in a wooded coun-

try most of them hibernate in wood-

land. Around outbuildings and barns

also are found favorable places, as

there are always more or less rubbish

and protection in such situations. In

1903 more than five times as many wee-

vils were found in a piece of cotton

where cotton had been grown the pre-

vious year, than were found in any

other locality in that neighborhood. It

is also noticeable that weevils are al-

Farmer's Bath.

All farmers do not feel able to af-

ford a bathroom and furnishings. But

bath more than a farmer after a busy

An extraordinary curiosity is to be

treal Star.

Whenever milk is scarce in the cities somebody comes forward and suggests that it be shipped from distant points in a frozen condition.

This idea has been frequently suggested during the past years, but it does tation on a farm the greatest care not seem to be coming into practical use. The latest suggestion is that the plans for dwellings, barns, lanes and fresh milk should be frozen by submerging the scaled cans in brine chilled far below the meiting point of ice. The milk would not only be frozen, but would be cooled still further to a hard, dry ice, which, it is claimed, would remain in the solid form after removasite for the house having been fixed the for a day or two before the entire other buildings will group themselves mass would rise to a meiting point, to the side or in the rear. It is not to the keeping qualities being much superior to that of milk which is merely

The operating plan would be to establish a freezing plant at the creameries and milk stations, the frozen product to be shipped in ordinary cans, thus doing away with the present high cost of refrigerating cars.

It is claimed that frozen milk kept over a month in a refrigerator room showed no change in taste on thawing. and that the cream remained evenly mixed throughout the solid mass, not rising, as it would when milk is merely kept liquid at low temperature. Milk for freezing would need to be in fresh, clean condition when frozen, else its keeping period would be very short bery should be completed in all their after melting. If this plan ever comes details. Indeed for best results it is into favor, it would greatly increase well that most of this work be done the competition in the business of sup-

Shipping Coops.

For shipping live poultry to market the following sizes of coops are most generally used in the West: Coops should be 48 inches long, 30 Inches wide, 12 inches high for chicken tion being given to landscape garden and ducks, and 15 inches high for turkeys and geese. Use lumber as follows: Two by two for corner posts, or 1x2 will answer. If you cannot get them, get 1x4 and rip them in two. Cut six pieces 30 inches long and nine pieces 12 or 15 inches long for each coop. Nall the short pieces one at each end and one in the center of the long ones, using ten-penny wrought nalls. Make three of these frames, one for each end and center. For the bottom use half-inch boards or lath, make second is an example of what may be the bottom tight, using six-penny nails. Use 1/2x2-inch strips of lath for sides, ends and top, put them 11/2 Inches apart; the width of lath is about right. Leave two laths loose on top in center, or make a door of them to open, in order to put poultry in and take it out. Now nail a lath around the coops, each end and the center, outside, the three frames made first. This will keep the lath from coming off and make the coops stronger. For brollers the coops can be made 10 inches high and 24 inchs wide. This will make a good, strong light coop.-P. H. Sprague.

Winter Forage. The question of winter forage and pasturage is one of the greatest importance in the Southern States, and Carleton R. Ball, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, was sent by the De partment of Agriculture early in the year to make an investigation in sev eral of the Gulf States. In his report Mr. Ball says, amongst other things "The production of Southern hay has been a question long under discussion The amount produced and the yield per acre have both increased steadily and encouragingly during the last few years. On every hand it is admitted that it is both possible and necessary to raise all that is needed for home consumption. Alfalfa, Bermuda grass Johnson grass, crabgrass and cowpeas furnish an abundance of hay of the very best quality. This hay can be pro duced much more cheaply than an equal quality can be shipped in from Northern and Western States. With better transportation facilities and an increasing demand, the production will become more and more profitable. At the same time, with hay raised on the home plantations, and hence cheaply and readily available, larger quantities are being used in feeding the planta near the Texas State College barn, tion stock.

Regular Feeding and Variety Two things are essential to the thrift of animals-a variety in their food and a distance from them. Unfortunately, of food cannot supply all the necessary where much rubbish and grass are sustenance, because it may lack some present and where the soil remains of the essential elements, and is almost loose and is not packed by rains, large sure to have some insufficient quantinumbers of the weevils winter in the ties. Animals do not thrive as well when fed irregularly as when they get their food at certain seasons. more regular the food is supplied the better the results.

Repairing Leaky Roots.

Take coal tar and sift coal ashes in until the thickness of stiff mortar. Plaster it around leaks. If used on slate roofs the snow and rain cannot blow in. This cement will harden like a stone and is apparently as indestructible. It answers admirably for paper is rooms and if properly put on it seemy to be there forever.

Farm Notes

The crusade against tuberculosis cattle may ultimately lead to colder stables and blankets on the cattle. Feed floors for hogs save feed, keep

sible to keep the quarters cleaner. Scatter salt over sprouts and stumps

and other noxious weeds and the sheep seen in the Swiss village of Gunten, on | will clean them up. High and dry is the rule for locating natural tree fountain, the water flow- the poultry house and yard. Do not

Hunger is a good tonic. Don't feed

The farmer who thinks more of his er a short time the trunk rooted, own comfort than he does of the combranches followed, and now there is a fort of his stock, is the farmer who will be disappointed on market day.

Feminine Reasoning.

man's way, the major had a tair share of prosperity. During the hard times which interrened between these gleams of opulence, the pair roughed it uncomplain "Have you had your letter?" the major asked. The German was expecting his quarterly remittance from his triends at

ought not to be neglected, and husband and hands should have a bath

cotton fields.

every night during hot months. But how? Well, get some empty oil bar-"The remedy is for the State of Illirels, knock out one end and let off nois, locally, and the United States of evaporate, and your bath barrel America, in national enterprises, to de- ready. Fill barrels at noon (half or part from their indifferences and lay more) with water, let set in sun; at the foundations for corporate struc- night put a gallon of hot water in each tures that will exercise the trusteeship barrel and when darkness has failen they ought to exercise. If our State then take a bath, and with thin gauze permits a corporation to swindle thou- undershirt and drawers they are ready sands of investors by financial ledgerde for bed. Their sleep will be sweeter main and false reports, you and I are and the work lighter on the poor wash- the animals healthier and make it pos

home, and they were both anxiously

They should have sent a wake ago, A good carriage horse in Australia "But you how do you stand for costs \$200, or four times as much as wlendid top growth. the cost fifteen years ago.