

THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN



- 1400—Lancastrians victorious at Wakefield. (War of the Roses.)
- 1600—British East India Company chartered.
- 1706—James Francis Edward Stuart, pretender to the throne of England, died in Rome.
- 1775—Gen. Montgomery killed before Quebec.
- 1777—Washington surprised and defeated the British at Princeton, N. J.
- 1780—Benedict Arnold appointed a brigadier general in the British army.
- 1781—Congress chartered the Bank of North America.
- 1790—Second session of the first Congress opened in New York.
- 1793—Treaty between Russia and Prussia for the second partition of Poland. . . . Thomas Jefferson resigned as Secretary of State.
- 1813—British burned Black Rock and Buffalo.
- 1825—Parliament buildings in Toronto burned.
- 1851—Louis Kossuth, Hungarian patriot, spoke before Congress at Washington.
- 1853—Gadsden purchase made by treaty.
- 1857—Canada adopted the decimal system of public accounts.
- 1858—The Lecompton constitution in Kansas submitted to the popular vote and rejected.
- 1861—E. G. Spaulding of New York introduced in the House the original legal tender bill.
- 1862—Ericsson's Monitor foundered off Cape Hatteras in a storm, with loss of sixteen lives.
- 1872—Brigham Young, leader of the Mormons, surrendered himself for trial.
- 1877—Cornelius Vanderbilt, American financier, died. . . . Queen Victoria instituted the Imperial Order of the Crown of India, for ladies.
- 1885—Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia invested with the pallium.
- 1887—Five million dollars in property destroyed by fire in Rome, Italy.
- 1880—Horatio Allen, who ran the first railroad locomotive in America, died in New Jersey.
- 1892—Women admitted to diplomas at the British Royal College of Surgeons.
- 1893—President Harrison issued a proclamation of amnesty to Mormons liable to prosecution for polygamy who will refrain from polygamous marriage.
- 1894—Amelia Jenks Bloomer, originator of the "bloomer" costume for women, died at Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- 1895—Public degradation of Dreyfus at Paris.
- 1897—Gen. Sir Henry Havelock Allan killed by Afrikanis on the Indian frontier.
- 1903—Irroquois theater, Chicago, burned, with loss of 587 lives.

Ask Orientalist to Explain.
The American Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, at its recent meeting in Philadelphia, passed a resolution calling upon Prof. Hermann V. Hilprecht, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, to make a public reply to the charges laid against him of faking in connection with some ancient tablets which he claimed to have dug up at Nippur. It is charged that these tablets, which are now in the museum of the University of Pennsylvania, instead of having been dug up by the professor, had been bought by him in various cities of the Orient and that most of them had never been near Nippur. It is also declared that the tablets were in the hands of dealers some years prior to Dr. Hilprecht's alleged discoveries.

Goodrich Admits Naval Defects.
In a Chicago interview, Rear Admiral Goodrich, commander of the New York navy yard, said that Henry Ruedterdahl knew what he was talking about in the article pointing out defects in the American navy. The admiral added that he too had expressed similar views to the Secretary of the Navy. It is now understood that the President is preparing to insist upon a general reorganization of the naval bureaus.

Will Use 300,000,000 Cans.
The California Fruit Cannery's Association has just given the largest contract for cans on record to the American Can Company of Pittsburg, calling for 300,000,000 cans to be delivered at the rate of 60,000,000 a year for five years. It is made known that terms on this order were forced upon the Steel Trust by the threat of building can works in California by the fruit growers of that section.

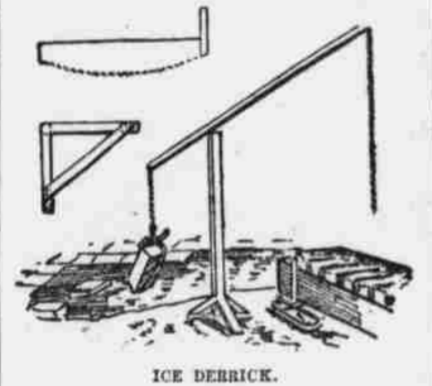
New York's Rent Crusade.
The organized movement among the tenement dwellers of the lower East Side of New York City to force from landlords a lower scale of rents has taken on mammoth proportions, the estimated number of participants varying from 80,000 to 70,000. Local socialists are prominent in the leadership and many meetings have been held, several gatherings in the open air being broken up by the police. Many of the landlords already are scared and some have made reductions.

FARMERS CORNER

Ice Harvesting.
Every year the use of ice increases. It is not merely a luxury, but becomes a necessity as soon as its value is known by experience. Ice in the dairy is almost indispensable for holding milk and cream at a proper temperature.

Ice should be cut with a saw into blocks of regular size, so that they will pack solidly into the ice house without leaving spaces between them. A regular cross-cut saw with one handle removed will answer the purpose.

The ice derrick is convenient and safer to use for lifting the cakes from the water and hoisting into the wagon or sleigh box. Use two strong white oak poles to make the derrick and sweep. The upright, B, may be cut from any strong piece of lumber, or made up by spiking together two pieces of 2x4 studding. It should be 12 to 15 feet long and well braced at the base, as shown in the sketch. The bottom should be smooth in order to slide freely over the ice.



ICE DERRICK.

After a "season" of cutting ice, the two ice-men proceed to lift out and load up. One seizes the tongs and catches onto the floating cakes, while the other man presides at the rope, D. The sleigh should be in the handiest position to swing the sweep around and land the cake of ice into the box.

The combination style of ice-house represented in the illustration is not the best for all purposes, yet has some features to recommend it. The sides of the building are nine feet above the ground and the height of the dairy seven feet. The outside walls of the ice-house are made of two-inch planks, ten inches wide, set upright, with inch and a half planks nailed on the outside. They are weather boarded on the outside and filled with spent tan bark or other dry non-conducting material. The partition wall between the dairy and the ice-house and between the cool room and the ice-house is half the thickness, and not filled, thus forming closed air spaces between the studs.—Montreal Star.



COMBINED DAIRY AND ICE HOUSE.

Profits in Pork.
Why do not the farmers put up more of their pork, cure it and sell it in the summer? This would bring more profit than marketing the hog to the butcher.

The American Agriculturist has made a careful estimate of the waste in slaughtering hogs at home, which shows facts that will be profitable to the pork raiser. Take a hog weighing at home 200 pounds, on a basis of a 5-cent market, live weight. Its value is \$10. If fat, the hog loses about 20 per cent, or 40 pounds, leaving 160 pounds edible portion. Approximately the dressing will be: Two hams, 30 pounds; two shoulders, 24 pounds; four strips bacon, 28 pounds; spare ribs, head, feet and backbone, 35 pounds, leaving about 45 pounds for sausage and lard. The meats to be smoked will increase about 10 per cent in weight in the pickle, but lose about the same as the dressing weight. The following are very conservative prices for a country-dressed hog: Thirty pounds ham, at 15 cents, \$4.50; 28 pounds bacon, at 14 cents, \$3.92; 24 pounds shoulder, at 9 cents, \$2.16; 45 pounds lard or sausage, at 12 1/2 cents, \$5.60; 25 pounds backbone, spare ribs, etc., at 6 cents, \$1.50; soap fat, about 25 cents; total, \$17.91; net of hog, \$10; profit, \$7.91.

Farmer Should Advertise.
The average farmer is too backward about advertising his products. One's county paper ought to be used more as an advertising medium. It helps the editor and publisher to make a better paper, and this in itself is good for a community, while the advertising, if one has good stock or seeds or anything of the kind to offer, will certainly pay.

How to Dress and Ship Poultry.
Birds that are to be marketed should be penned ten days before killing and well fed. Withhold all food for twenty-four hours previous to killing, but give plenty of clean water. Full crops injure the appearance and are liable to sour, and when this does occur correspondingly lower prices must be accepted than obtainable for choice stock.

Kill by bleeding in the mouth, hang the bird by the feet until properly bled. Leave head and feet on and do not remove intestines or crop. For scalding fowls, the water should be as near the boiling point as possible without boiling—160 to 175 degrees Fahrenheit; pluck the legs dry before scalding; hold by the head and legs and immerse and lift up and down five or six times; if the head is immersed it turns the color of the comb and gives the eyes a shrunken appearance, which causes dealers to look on them with suspicion; the feathers and pin feathers should then be removed immediately, while the body is warm, very cleanly and without breaking the skin; then "plump" by dipping ten seconds in water, nearly or quite boiling, and then immediately into ice-cold water. The shaping of poultry is a very important point and well worth the extra trouble. The bird should be laid on its back on a table; the legs are drawn up against the sides of the breast, as though the bird were roosting; the wings are also folded against the body. Then, while in this position, a damp cloth is wrapped tightly about the carcass and fastened. Leave on a board to drain until the animal heat is all out of the body. Pack in boxes holding about 100 pounds and lined with manila or straw paper. Be sure to pack snugly, so as to prevent moving about in any way.

Turkeys except that they should always be dry-plucked.—E. K. F., in Country Gentleman.

Berry Culture.
An authority says that on an acre of rich, cultivated land \$500 worth of berries may be grown, and that an acre should produce at the rate of 200 bushels.

Causes for a short crop may be laid at the door of land deficient in fertility or plant food. Such land should have composted manure applied and turned under and top dressed. Ashes should also be broadcasted. Another reason is improper preparation of the soil. Plow deeply and harrow until fine, light and mellow. Again, there is a poor crop when varieties are planted that are not adapted to that particular kind of soil and climate. This can be determined either by the success of neighboring farmers of that locality, or by testing a limited number of plants. Failure often comes from setting poor plants; only hardy, vigorous plants should be purchased. Carelessly setting out plants will also cause a shortage. They should not be exposed to the sun or wind before setting. When put out the roots should be well spread and fine dirt firmed around them.

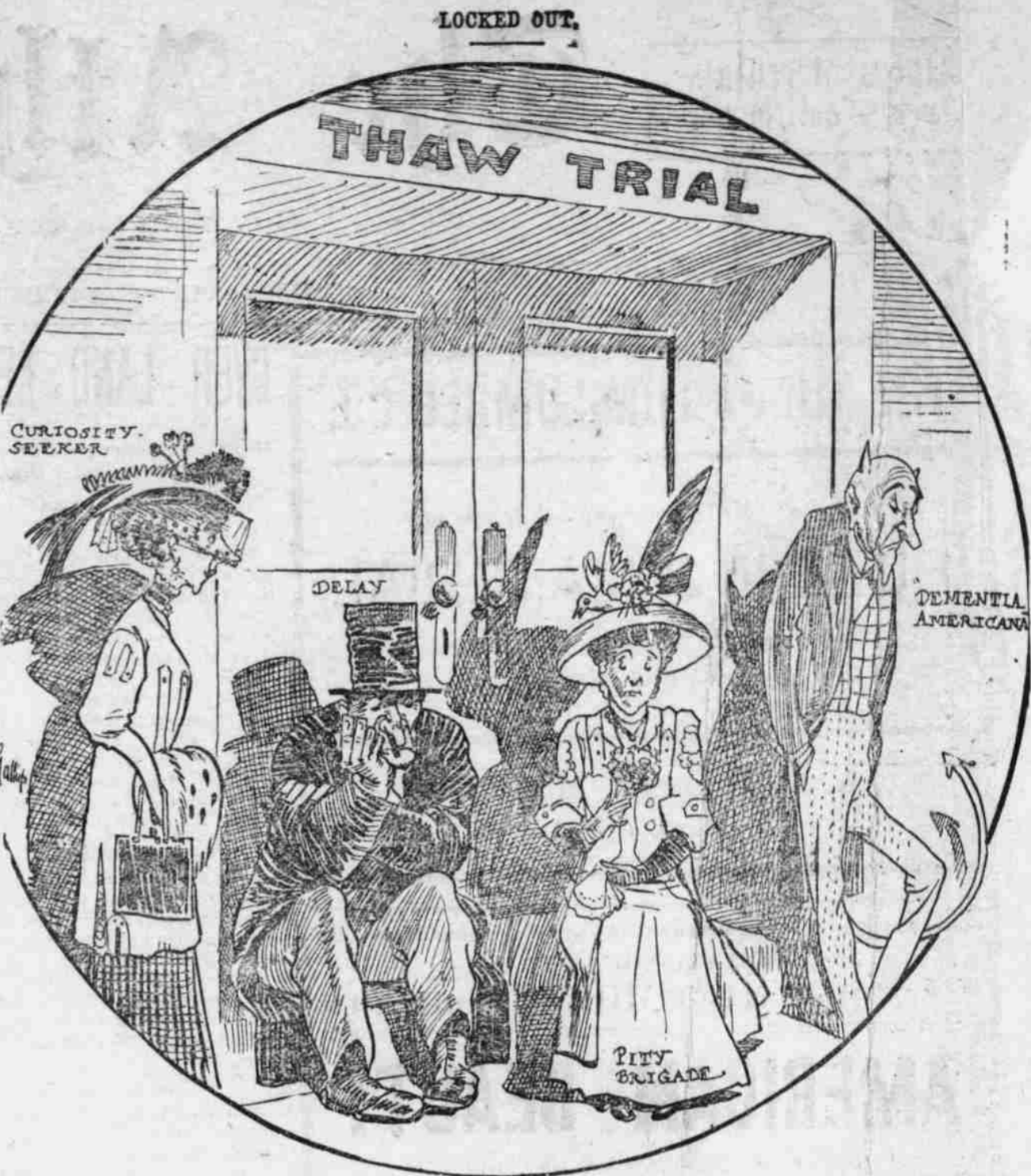
Using imperfect fertilizers is another cause. There is a sex in plants. Pistillates (female) must have stimulants (male) set with them to insure good crops. Cultivation must not be neglected. The ground at all times must be fine, mellow and free from weeds.

Both frost and drought are enemies of a good crop, and the most difficult to overcome. Berry fields well cultivated are several degrees warmer than uncultivated fields, therefore less liable to damage by frost. Retain mulching as late as possible on strawberries in spring.

Selecting Dairy Cows.
While there may be no infallible rule by which a man can be governed in selecting a high-class dairy cow, there are many points that will assist and if carefully considered will prevent disappointment as a rule. Remember that a cow is a machine and is intended to change the different products on which she is fed into something of more value. There are two distinct types of these machines. One manufactures or converts feed into beef; the other into milk. There is a very decided and pronounced difference in the type of the animal that makes beef and the one which manufactures milk. In the dairy type we have an animal that is angular, thin, somewhat loose-jointed and with prominent bones. She is wedge-shaped from the front, with a lean head, moderately long face slightly dishd and a general contented expression of the features. The muzzle is large, mouth large, nostrils wide and open, a clear, full bright eye, a broad, full and high forehead, ears medium size, fine texture, covered with fine hair and orange yellow inside. The neck is thin, moderately long, with little or no dewlap, and the throat is clean. Wide space between the jaws, the withers lean and sharp, the shoulders lean and oblique and the chest deep and wide, which indicates vigor and constitution.—Field and Farm.

Anthrax and Earth Worms.
From recent experiments it is certain that earth worms are responsible for conveying the spores and anthrax from various buried carcasses to the surface of the earth and thus bringing about a reinfection. This process of reinfection was urged by M. Louis Pasteur, but without success.

Crop Rotation.
There are some crops that will not follow each other, nor will they follow certain other crops, while, on the other hand, there are some that will grow year after year on the same land and also follow any other crop.



HEALING BY FAITH.

Chicago Reformed Episcopal Church to Treat Body as Well as Soul.

A new and important departure has been taken by St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church of Chicago, under the leadership of Bishop Samuel Fallows. The church has added healing of the body to its spiritual ministrations, following somewhat along the lines pursued by Christian Scientists, although with several fundamental differences. Christian psychology, as explained by Bishop Fallows, does not ignore physicians as does Christian Science, but works hand in hand with excellent. Christian psychology reaches, through the medium of the church, many patients with whom the regular medical practitioners can do nothing, or little, often because they cannot give enough time to the individual case. Christian psychology works through the influence of mind, suggestion, will power and persuasion, all based on religion and religious beliefs. The Bible and the infinite God are behind it all," continued Bishop Fallows. "The subjects, however, who come for treatment do not have to be believers in Christianity. They may be out-and-out pagans. That does not affect the workings of the laws of God, and Christian psychology can and will cure unbelievers as well as the most devout Christians."

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ALL AROUND THE GLOBE.

During 1907 the Legal Aid Society of New York received 26,399 appeals for aid.

New York board of education will probably vote to restore corporal punishment in the schools.

Edward Shea of Montclair, N. J., has recovered from a trance which lasted a month. He says he saw visions and talked with persons long since dead.

Miss Katherine Noble of Baltimore, Md., the heroine of the Mohegan disaster, has announced her engagement to Ernesto Trorio-Semondetti of Mexico.

The Burlington and Union Pacific will take porters off chair cars and do away with flagmen on some of their passenger trains, according to a dispatch from Omaha. Retrenchment is given as the reason.

The new armored cruiser Ibuki, which was launched at Kure, Japan, was built entirely from Japanese materials and her keel was laid only last April. Japan has made the lowest bid of any power for the construction of a warship for Spain.

New avenues for making a living are being rapidly opened for the blind, according to Miss Winifred Holt, secretary of the New York Association for the Blind, stenography and telephony being two of the latest crafts at which the blind are working.

Jeremiah O'Meara, 70 years old, married Helen Naughton, 65 years old, in Stamford, Conn., after a wait of 40 years. O'Meara could not find his sweetheart after he returned from the Civil War, and she thought he had been killed. They found each other only a short time ago. Neither has been married before.

A strike begun by the European engineers on the East Indian railway, which is 2,105 miles long, has now spread to include the native helpers so that the most important section of the road is tied and thousands of passengers are stranded, while many industries are at a standstill. The strikers complain of overwork and poor pay. The situation is especially serious in view of the recent mutinies and of the prevailing famine.

BIG POULTRY SHOW.

Aristocracy of the Feathered Tribe on Exhibition in Chicago.

Three thousand aristocrats of the poultry world contended for honors in the national poultry show recently held in Chicago by the National Fanciers' and Breeders' Association. The breeding of the finest stock is becoming so popular in the Middle West that products of this section have begun to take prizes at the New York poultry show, which is the largest event of the kind, and to carry off all the honors in the Chicago event, which is second in importance.

There was a large increase this year in the number of entries. The champion of all hens, owned by Ernest Kellerstrass, of Kansas City, and valued at \$2,500, was there, as well as numerous other chickens valued at from \$500 to \$1,000. Fighting cocks, wild

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turkeys and ducks, homing pigeons with records as victorious racers over distances ranging from 100 to 1,000 miles, and pheasants such as English noblemen shoot, bred on the large pheasant farm in the country five miles from Chicago, were attractive. Baby chicks were hatched out in incubators every day of the show.

Resents "Tainted Money" Hint.
In his recent address at the annual dinner of the New York Alumni Association of Syracuse University, John D. Archbold, the Standard Oil magnate, took occasion to refer to "tainted money" by saying: "If I thought there was any taint on my money I would never have offered a dollar of it to Syracuse University—my conscience would not have allowed me. I could not have asked God's blessing on such a gift. I have earned my money by fifty years of good, hard, conscientious toil, and honest intent in the pursuit of business, or I would never have given a dollar to further God's work."