

Mr. Phelps, late minister to England, has resumed his old position as professor in the Yale law school.

Wanamaker's daily list of new postmasters vies in length with Corporal Tanner's list of new pensioners. In the long run, however, it looks as if the Corporal would get ahead.

Cheese is mentioned by Aristotle about 350 B. C. It is supposed that cheesemaking was introduced into England about the beginning of the Christian era, having been learned from the Romans.

It is hinted that a bill will be introduced in the next congress to pension all rebel soldiers in the south who will vote the republican ticket. This is for the laudable purpose of breaking up the solid south.

Soot falls down the chimney before a storm, because the air at that time contains more moisture. Soot is hygroscopic, that is, it absorbs the moisture from the air, and, becoming heavier, detaches itself from the sides of the chimney.

The United Kingdom fisheries employ 250,000 persons. The money value of fish landed in a year is nearly eight millions sterling. At the annual conference of the National Sea Fishery Protective Association for this year, the statement was made that soles, turbot, plaice and all other flat fish once plenty in the North Sea are diminishing in numbers.

Germany is troubled with having too many doctors, and because of this overcrowded condition of the profession and the increasing number of students, the government has refused to allow any more medical schools to be established, and is also considering how to limit the admittance to the existing schools.

Phosphate makes an excellent dressing for lawns, and in many cases may take the place of the coarse, unsightly stable manure often seen. There is nothing to rake off after the grass starts into growth, and if the turf is slightly scratched with a steel handrake after the phosphate is sown, it will come in contact with enough soil to absorb all bad odors.

The Fall River mills, as indicated by the April dividends, have proved more profitable to the stockholders this year than last. To the working people they have been less remunerative, as there was a lowering of wages in March. The presumption is that if a general election were to take place this fall there would not be so many republican votes in Fall River as in November, 1888.

E. Clark Carr, of Illinois, is the champion office seeker of the country. He went to Washington some time ago seeking the position of First Assistant Postmaster-General. Failing to get this, he was willing to become Second Assistant. Again he was hurled into the soup and turned his broth-besmeared eyes towards the Consul-Generalship at Paris. He found soon that he could not become a thorough Carr by this fat place, and returned home disconsolate. He is again on the war path, however, and wishes to take Mr. Enander's place as Minister to Denmark.

From an exhaustive study of the large collection of meteorites at Harvard College, the conclusion has been arrived at that many of the masses of meteoric iron now known are cleavage crystals, broken off, probably, by the impact of the mass against the atmosphere. It is found that these masses show cleavages parallel to the planes of all the three fundamental forms of the isometric or regular system. From all that appears, the theory has come to be entertained that the masses of meteorites were thrown off from a sun among the fixed stars, and that they were slowly cooled while revolving in a zone of intense heat.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

To clean a smoky ceiling wash it in soda water.

Raw potatoes which are to be fried should be thinly sliced and soaked in cold water.

Any method which will keep the air from the inside of the shell will preserve eggs for a certain length of time.

If fruit stains are washed in tepid water, they will generally come out. It's the putting them in suds that sets the color.

One can save all the bread scraps by drying them in the stove, then with the rolling pin they can be crushed for puddings, tomatoes and soups.

To take out spots from wash goods, rub them with yolk of egg before washing.

To drive away ants, scrub the shelves of drawers that they frequent with strong carbolic soap, then sprinkle with red pepper in every crevice.

The latest wrinkle in stationary tubs of porcelain or granite ware is to have a row of deep wrinkles up the sloping front. These make an admirable washboard.

The wings of turkeys, geese and chickens are good to wash and clean windows, as they leave no dust.

The best way to fry apples is to have them, remove the core, put some butter in frying pan, and put in the halves, the cut side down; then add a little water and let boil dry; then fry.

A good substitute for buttermilk is a thin batter made of flour and tepid water, and allowed to remain long enough to sour.

The call for a meeting of the National democratic committee in New York on June 12 insures the timely selection of a successor to the late W. H. Barnum, and will, at the same time, serve to remind the republicans of this country that they are still opposed by a powerful and aggressive organization which has met defeat without discouragement and which already looks forward with confidence to the next national contest. The democratic party recognizes a positive loss in the death of Chairman Barnum, but it has good material left from which to select his successor. Calvin S. Brice is looked upon as the coming man, but at the same time a very general feeling that Senator Gorman of Maryland, if he would accept the position, would be the most desirable. Both men have earned the confidence of the party, however, and with either at the head of the national committee, the democrats will rally with enthusiasm for the next campaign.

Mr. Clarkson removed the heads of a thousand democratic postmasters last week, and presents the plea that he wasn't feeling very well, either. It seems necessary to draw a veil over the slaughter that would have ensued if Mr. Clarkson had been in the enjoyment of his usual stalwart health.

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