

THE DIGGER.

English naturalist, writing upon the horns of Great Britain, traces the ancestry of the present species back to the historic age, and as to the origin of the race, refers to a period more than one foot to each inch. The same is true of America. Fossil diminutive horses have been found with four hoofs or toes, like those of cattle. In relation to these prehistoric animals in Great Britain, our authority says we know from the fossil remains...

How people know that the Digger, who lives in Pleasant Valley, and are known as the Pamblos, have a musical name among them. This Digger is known as Bob. He is a really good performer on the guitar, flute, fife, violin, organ and harmonica. He has played for several "pale-face" dances, and handles a violin like a master. He is a pure-blooded Digger, and so far as he knows, none of his ancestors were musically inclined. The "tribe" also boasts of having a centenarian, an old squaw, whose hair is white as snow, whose daughter is seventy-five years old, and whose only English acquaintance is "Ginime two bits."

ROOM FOR MILLIONS.

At the Portuguese Exposition in Brazil, the Spaniards, mostly Galicians and Catalans, many Italians, French, Swiss and English settlers, and a few Americans from the Southern States who have not generally been successful in regaining fortunes lost in the last war. Germany sends every year thousands of hardy settlers, who try to do as well as the Digger. The former years most of the Europeans, especially the Germans, settled in the northern part of the Empire, where they perished miserably, either from the severity of the climate or from European fevers. Other causes of failure were the want of resources and the neglect to bring supplies for the colonists, and in many cases the dishonesty or the neglect of the companies under whose direction the colonists arrived, and perhaps not the least, the hostility and humbling to the dust many a proud white man was the possession of a woodpecker. The reason for this is that whenever they have a dance, or, as they call it, a "big soup," they rig themselves out as fantastically as possible. Every buck who wishes to dance must buy a ticket, paying for it in good solid silver. As a ticket the scalp of the woodpecker recommends itself. It is grubby and conspicuous. The tail feathers of the yellow-hammer are also used for the same purpose, two feathers being fastened to a little stick which is worn in the hair or curled in the hand. These "big-soup" are frequent. A Digger will work hard for a week or two when the acorns are ripe and lay in a supply of them for winter. Then he will notify some other tribe, and double over to the latter and help him devour the whole lot. Then they invite the family of the host to their "campanda," and so the visiting and "big-souping" goes on till all the relations have visited each other and there are no more to be seen.

HOME AND FARM.

—Bitter yeast may be arrested by brushing into it a red-hot iron. —Ball blackberries six minutes, with six ounces of sugar to the quart. —Shoop do better in small flocks, and when only a few are shed together. —The luster of Morocco may be restored by varnishing it with the white of an egg. Apply with a sponge. —Guitars and turkeys are excellent foragers, and destroy a large number of insects in a season. —Marking the produce is half the battle. A farmer should use as much judgment on this point as he does on the matter of raising the crop. —If the man in the barrel shows any signs of faint take it out of the barrel, wash in clean water and put it in new brine, first cleaning the barrel thoroughly. —Indianapolis Journal. —Music is very refining, and is a source of exquisite pleasure to many. With a croon that both improves and cheers the mind of the participant. —On most farms after a rainstorm little black streams run away from the barnyard. This is the very essence of the manure escaping to the river. —Toronto Globe. —Hogs are rich in nitrogen and are good food for any other animal. Hogs may be fattened on them. There is nothing better for sheep, and they are just the thing for cows in milk. —Christian at Work. —If, by the ensilage system, a greater number of rows can be kept, as compared with the usual method, the farmer will not only secure a gain by the saving of food, but also by having a larger acre of land to be cultivated. Every acre of the pasture that can be cultivated and made to yield a crop is a gain. —Cleveland Leader. —Put two or three tablespoonfuls of butter into a frying pan; when hot, rub into it smoothly a spoonful of flour, but do not brown. Add a cup of rich milk, and when it boils a tablespoonful of chopped parsley, which will give it a nice color. —Baltimore Sun. —Swamp lands, and all rich lands which have been well drained, bear repeated and large applications of lime; because they usually contain large supplies of matters which lime acts upon with effect, and on such lands lime will be more beneficial than manure, for the first year or two. —Babies are much more susceptible to cold than are adults, yet a mother will go out warmly clad from head to foot, and let her child patter along barefoot. Another error is to let the baby to avoid exposing the babe to drafts of cold air from windows. Many a baby has had an attack of croup from this cause. The mother should give her child a warm blanket, play, or heat, and she will have less use for doctors. —Chicago Tribune. —College-Bred Women. Some of the New Occupations Proposed for Educated Young Ladies. The growing demand of the time for women, and especially those educated by colleges, to be actively useful, is an interesting discussion in the October issue of the "Occupations of the Women College Graduates." The president, faculty and senior class of the college, many of the trustees, and about thirty alumnae of Vassar and other colleges, met in one of the college halls, which was decorated with vases of ferns and other plants, to consider what had been done by educated women in America and to propose new paths of work and usefulness. After a paper which presented a view of the past and present of the college, followed. The doubt of the time, whether the college should be analytical or synthetic, whether education should be utilitarian or devoted to the development of mind and character without aiming to prepare for special work, characterized the discussion. Some speakers urged that the college should encourage women to become physicians or teachers, or any other professional workers; others thought it was the duty of a college to suggest occupations for graduates; a few thought that educated women fulfilled their duty to the world by remaining at home and quietly disseminating culture by personal influence; others advocated active work with men in the professional fields. Among the new occupations proposed were the collection of statistics and collating of statistics. This work is well known, and their increasing use as a basis for all discussions in political economy requires large statistical departments, but there are higher services in this work, the superintending of the collection and the drawing conclusions from statistics. A thorough training in making the collection of statistics, a woman who possesses these qualifications might find open a prosperous career. Another occupation for educated women is the management of tenement-houses. Since the tenement-house reform has become a fact in large cities, it is necessary that a capable agent should be secured by the owners of many tenements to carry out the details of the work. Mrs. Octavia V. Hill, in England, Mrs. Lincoln and others of this country, have shown that women are admirable workers in this field. Their ability in matters pertaining many details finds expression in overseeing the sanitary features of buildings, in requiring tenants to observe rules of cleanliness and order of their rooms, and in many other little things noticed by a woman's eye. Tenement-house agency may be turned by women into a genuine means of improvement of the tenants. Their personal welfare in regard to temperance and sobriety may be increased by a woman's benevolent and decisive character. Dairy farming, stenography, sanitary science and gardening, were other occupations suggested, and it was strongly urged that the educated women should accept position upon school boards, whenever offered. —Chicago Times.

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There are two or three firms in Maine which buy large quantities of gum from lumbermen and pickers for the purpose of refining it, as they say. But, as a general rule, the refining consists of adulteration with turpentine. They throw the gum into a big vat, bark, moss and all, and boil it to about the consistency of molasses, skimming off the impurities as they rise to the surface. Then, if the purpose be to adulterate, some lard or grease and a lot of rosin is thrown in, with such quantities of turpentine that the mixture is stirred until thick, and then poured out on a slab, where, while it is yet hot, it is rolled out in a sheet about a quarter of an inch thick, and afterward cut with a steel die into pieces half an inch wide and three-quarters of an inch long. These pieces are wrapped in colored tissue paper and packed in wooden boxes—two hundred pieces to a box. This is the so-called "patent" gum. Tons of it are sold south and west of us, but here on the verge of the principal forest it is a drug in the market. —Bangor (Me.) Cor. N. Y. Sun.

When to Cut Wheat. The importance of harvesting the grain at the right moment is a subject which has long attracted the attention of agriculturists. It is interesting to know that among the occupations which are opened to women the hard life of ranching has been one in which she has been particularly successful. The very hardships said to have a fascination for her nature, and some of her best work in the East has this generally recognized as masculine trait strongly developed. A good horsewoman with courage and endurance can find a vast field for her out-of-door inclinations in managing a cattle ranch, or even a sheep ranch for that matter. If a ranchwoman is successful it is for the same reason that the ranchman is successful—because of energy, the possession of capital, and hard work against countless discouragements and sacrifices. There is no royal road to fortune either East or West. I have in mind as an instance of a successful cattle-rancher a lady who had spent much of her freshness in the gayeties of the representative social circles of the country. When she became the wife of an army officer she learned the valuable lesson of adapting herself to circumstances. In this way she received an education which was to fit her to become one of the most successful ranch-owners of the Southwest, with on the death of her husband, she found herself able to cope with a modern capitalist. There is no suggestion of the wholesome, rolist, successful ranchwoman of that delicate hot-house flower which was the picture of her first youth. —Boston Post.

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