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FORGIVENESS.

Crush the rose, its odor rises, Giving sweetness for the pain; Grieve a woman, and she gives you Sweet forgiveness, poured like rain.

DEATH IN LOW NECK DRESSES.

Actresses Wear Them Because Excitement Makes Them Impervious to Cold. 'I see that some one has been trying to head off the hue and cry against décolleté dresses,' said a well known theatrical manager...

England and America.

One who has traveled much in England and America cannot fail to have noticed the general tendency of Americans to adopt high sounding names for ordinary places and things. What is called a lift in England becomes an elevator in America.

The Bigness of a Magazine.

The weight of one month's edition of 250,000 copies of a magazine the size of The Century would be 187,500 pounds, or about ninety-four tons. This would make forty-seven loads for a two horse team.

ILLINOIS PIONEERS.

MANNER OF LIVING BY THOSE WHO FIRST BROKE THE PRAIRIES.

The Building of the Log Cabin—Furniture of the Interior—Mortar and "Sweep" for Grinding Corn—Going to Mill—Clothing.

Pioneer life takes its shape from the surroundings. Southern Illinois differed from the other western states in being distant from large towns, without public conveyance, having a climate neither cold nor warm, having a nearly even mixture of woodland and prairie, and being settled by emigrants from the south.

The houses were mostly round pole cabins, not the huge poplar logs they had used in the south, but such as they could get. Some were built of split logs smoothed a little on the face. Some of the cracks in these walls were chinked and daubed, while some were left open to admit light.

Most of the hats or caps worn were made of skins, often of the most fantastic shapes, but in summer the straw hat was common. The hats the men brought to this country with them were worn on Sunday.

Most of the leisure time was spent in visiting or hunting, horse races and protracted meetings. Much time was also spent in going to mill. A two bushel sack of corn was shelled; long before daylight the next morning the bustle of getting off began.

round a little trundle near that turns the millstone. The whole was out in the woods, sometimes without even a shed; so being at mill was very much like being out of doors.

A FRENCHMAN'S MANNERS.

His Squirmings and Twisting the Poetry of Contortion—An Artistic Swindle.

Many years ago I witnessed a leave taking on the platform of the railway station at Rome, Italy, which I never think of without associating it with the triumphant air of a Frenchman's manner.

And this reminds me to say that no other man can maneuver his backbone in making a bow as a Frenchman can. He perfectly illustrates the idea expressed by the dictum that a curved line is the line of beauty.

Ingersoll on Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

'You have written wonderful fables. You make won-der-ful poetry. It delights me to read it, and I am truly glad to meet you.'

Such were the words of gracious, honest and earnest greeting to Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, the fair poetess, by the great iconoclast, Mr. Robert G. Ingersoll, on the occasion of one of his late receptions at his home in New York.

He held her hand some time in his, and gazed earnestly down into the fair, childlike, happy face so eagerly searching his, very much as if he were going to stoop and kiss it, but he did not, you know—he only looked so.

John Brown's Wife and Daughter.

At Los Gatos we begin to ascend into a more wild and picturesque country. The road winds up and around the Santa Cruz mountains, along creek beds, by the mountain streams and gulches into woods which hold greater wealth for California than the gold in its mines, for here the wild grapevine was discovered and here was the home of the early "Mission" grape, which was the first one cultivated.

A Correct Diagnosis.

Physician (to patient)—Have you been out to-day, madam? Patient—Yes, sir. I attended an auction sale of household effects.

AGRICULTURAL.

Devoted to the Interests of Farmers and Stockmen.

Cultivation of Cranberries.

The requisites for cranberry culture are a soil of muck or peat that can be drained for twelve or eighteen inches below the surface, a supply of water at hand sufficient to allow the meadow to be flooded at will and an abundance of pure sand.

Fertilizers are seldom applied, as they cause too much wood growth at the expense of the fruit. Ground bone in moderate quantities is probably the safest fertilizer to use.

Farm Profits.

Perhaps a safe way to increase farm profits from lands that have value based on production, rather than extraneous conditions, would be to limit areas of cultivation. This would permit equal expenditure of labor, if required, but it would be concentrated and would necessarily tend to larger production, relatively, thereby affording more liberal margin for gain.

Cranberries ripen in this latitude about November 1st. The vines should then be picked clean of fruit. The cranberry rack, made of bent sheet-iron, with a row of V-shaped teeth on its lower edge, can often be used to advantage.

Ashes as a Fertilizer.

A correspondent writes that he can get wood ashes from a sawmill for the hauling, and has to haul three miles to his farm. He wishes to know if it will pay to haul ashes so far, and what is the manurial value of ashes?

even though you have to hire a team and put the ashes on land that you rent. The reasons for this answer will appear in our attempt to answer the second question.

We are not told whether the ashes are made from hard wood or soft wood. We will see that the ash from hard wood is richer in potash and phosphoric acid than that from soft wood or bark.

By reference to tables in Johnson's "How Crops grow," one can learn the value of ashes of the several kinds of wood and bark. We are now not to consider the per cents of soda, magnesia, lime, silica and chlorine found in wood ashes, since any of our soils have enough of these, and we will consider the potash and phosphoric acid.

Hardwood ashes taken from his kitchen stove, where beech and hard maple were used, showed 12 1/2 per cent of potash and 6 per cent of phosphoric acid.

Leached ashes, taken from a tannery, showed 1.6 per cent potash and 6.8 per cent of phosphoric acid.

Soft wood ashes, from the pit of a planing mill, where pine, fir and basswood were burned with some soft coal, showed 12 per cent potash and 4 per cent phosphoric acid.

Tannery ash, made from spent tan-bark, mixed with some soft coal, showed 2.5 per cent potash and 1.2 per cent phosphoric acid.

Now, it is probable the sawmill furnishing the ashes to our correspondent used mostly hard wood. Then, a ton of hard ashes fresh from the furnace, unleached, would be worth \$19.40, while potash sells at 5 cents a pound, and insoluble phosphoric at 6 cents—since 12 1/2 per cent, or 245 pounds, is potash, and 6 per cent, or 120 pounds, is phosphoric acid.

As our correspondent can easily haul to his farm three tons of ashes in a day from the sawmill, he had better lose no time in securing all available at that rate.

Leached ashes are not worth so much, hence it will be well to haul the ashes away as fast as made, and apply it to the land or store it in a dry place.

Thirty to forty bushels of fresh ashes will be an ample dressing, and on light soils there is no better fertilizer. Fruit trees and berries are specially benefited by a dressing of wood ashes.

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John Chappell, a well known resident of Ilwaco, W. T., dropped dead at the latter place. The coroner's verdict was that death was caused by paralysis of the heart.

Christian Hitecher, for several years commander of the barkentine Worcester at San Francisco, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a revolver.

In addition to the twenty-two religious denominations now advertised at Tacoma, the Second Day Adventists have found lodgment, and hold nightly meetings in a huge tent on E street.

The Crown Point, one of the Wardner group of mines, has been sold to John Sevenoaks, and Mr. Knowles, superintendent of the La Trinidad of Mexico. The consideration is \$85,000.

A carpenter named Abram Urech fell from a scaffolding on a new building on Tacoma avenue, Tacoma, to the ground, a distance of fifteen feet, striking on his head and sustaining severe contusion of the brain.

The Stampede tunnel, on the Cascade division, is 9,850 feet. Seven other tunnels, two east and five west of Stampede tunnel, aggregate 3,226 feet making a total length of tunneling upon the branch 13,076 feet.

A temporary bridge is in course of erection across the Columbia river at Kennewick, which will be completed by September, in time to move this year's crop of grain across it. A permanent bridge will be erected upon the temporary structure, and be completed by December 1.

Frank Read and Charles Gilsea, aged 19 and 16 respectively, were drowned in the river near Stockton, Cal. They were attempting to row in the wake of the steamer Mary Garratt, when the steamer reversed her engine and they were carried by the current under her wheel.

Corporal Eberhard Weiderhold, of the Second Calvary, stationed at Walla Walla, is a German baron in his own right, with a monthly income of \$900. This has been established beyond doubt. Weiderhold is in the garrison hospital, the result of an attempt at suicide by poisoning.

At Pasco, W. T., Johnny Ireland, a boy of 14, picked up what he took to be an empty cartridge, and while trying to drive it into a log it exploded, being a giant powder cap. Two of the boy's fingers were blown off and driven into his leg, from which they were extracted by a physician.

With only a few counties heard from Montana has, within the past two months, paid out over \$10,000 for the scalps of ground squirrels. The law was first regarded as a joke, but has now become a serious matter and an extra session of the Legislature is talked of to prevent a depletion of the territorial treasury.