A HINT FROM THE KLONDIKE

Joseph Ladue, the famous trapper and miner and the present owner of Dawson City, and for many years the agent of the Alaska Commercial Company, gives a hint to persons going to Alaska, and pays great compliment to a well-known article. He writes:

"I have always used the Royal Baking Powder in Alaska and Northwest Territory, as no other gave equal satisfaction in that harsh climate. I also found my customers always insisted on having that brand."

An English prophet announces for 1898 the discovery of the north pole, the opening of communication with Mars, war in Europe, a revolution in South America, riots in London and the kidnaping of the young king of Spain. That South American event is resonably certain to happen.

A new rubber overshoe for wet weather wear does not extend around the heel, but is fastened to the narrow part of the shoe sole by spring clips to hold it in place.

A neat attachment recently patented to prevent bicycle lamps from going out, consists of a piece of wire gauze bent to form a basket surrounding the flame to shield it from sudden draughts of air.

A LONG LOOK AHEAD.

The politicians are even now beginning to weigh the possibilities involved in the next presidential election. The papers are full of electioneering gossip, and venture predictions as to the future which are somewhat too self-confident But it is safe to say that a systematic course of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will renew health in the malarious, bilious, rheumatic, costive or nervous.

Dressmakers can make use of a new thread-cutter which is formed of a small steel blade, surrounded by a bent wire casing having a pin at the back to attach it to the dress in a handy position for use.

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Four aldermen and a banker of Munsing, Mich., are under arerst on a charge of bribery in connection with the acceptance of the new water works. For the present the Cuban war question is sidetracked at Munsing.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the best of all cough cures.—George W. Lotz, Faboucher, La., August 26, 1895.

Bicycle handle bars are being made of a short piece of wood for the center section, with grips on each side of the head and metallic tubing extensions on both ends of the wood bar curved to the usual shape and ending in a second pair of grips.

It is estimated that the nerves, with branches and minute ramifications connecting with the brain exceed 10,000,000.

To hold crayons for blackboard or drawing work a tube is fitted with clamping jaws at one end and a sliding rod at the other end, to force the chalk into position.

It is estimated that over 80 tons of diamonds have been unearthed in the the South African fields during the last 18 years. These represent a total value of $280,000,000.

NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

"Will you kindly allow me," writes MISS MARY E. SAIDT, of Jobstown, N. J., to Mrs. Pinkham, "the pleasure of expressing my gratitude for the wonderful relief I have experienced by taking your Compound? I suffered for a long time with nervous prostration and general debility, caused by falling of the womb. It seemed as though my back would never stop aching. I could not sleep. I had dull headaches. I was weary all the time, and life was a burden to me. I sought the seashore for relief, but all in vain. On my return I resolved to give your medicine a trial. I took two bottles and was cured. I can cheerfully state, if more ladies would only give your medicine a fair trial they would bless the day they saw the advertisement, and there would be happier homes. I mean to do all I can for you in the future. I have you alone to thank for my recovery, for which I am very grateful."

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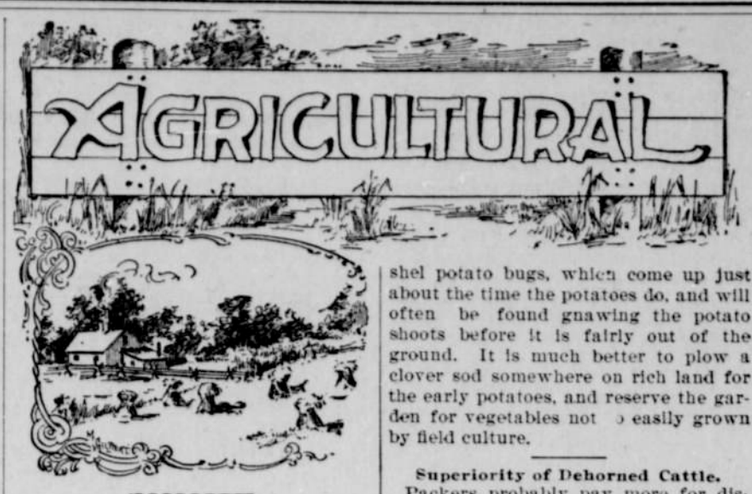
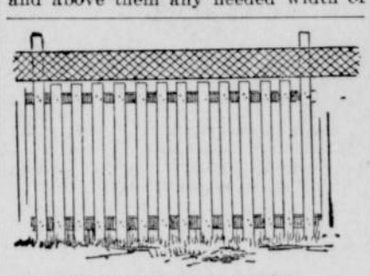


Hen-Tight Fence.

On many farms the hens could be given free range if the garden fence were a sufficient barrier to the fowls. The cut shows a picket fence with a picket extending upward for fifteen inches every twelve feet. To these extended ends of the pickets is stretched a twelve-inch strip of wire netting, as shown in the sketch. In the prominence of the pickets the fowls do not clearly notice the netting until they fly against it. After a few trials they will give up the attempt to fly over. Poultry yard fences can be constructed in this way, using ordinary pickets, and above them any needed width of



HEN-TIGHT PICKET FENCE.

netting, according as the fowls are Brahmas, Plymouth Rocks or Leghorns.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Skill in Bee Culture.

Simplicity and efficiency are the main requirements of the modern beehive. The hive produces no honey, but it is an indispensable implement in bee culture. The best implement is often a failure in inefficient hands, while an efficient operator can make a partial success even with poor tools, but for a first-class job we look for a good mechanic with the best tools. In the production of honey we must produce the very finest goods at the lowest possible figure.

This we can accomplish only by having the best bees, the best hives and implements and handling the same intelligently and economically. The man who rides "hobbies" and runs after "fads" in bee culture will have a lean bank account.—New England Farmer.

Burned Lime as a Fertilizer.

Wherever limestone abounds it will pay farmers to take some of these stones and subject them to as intense heat as possible. This decomposes the lime in the stone, turning it white and making it into finepowder by putting water on it. This makes an excellent fertilizer. It may be thought that lime is not needed on land where limestone abounds. But in its natural state limestone dissolves by rains much too slowly for the best growth of crops. Lime is a necessity for the wheat crop. It is also valuable in the garden, especially for cabbages, which require it to prevent them from becoming club-rooted, when grown on the same land too frequently.

Horse Had a Conscience.

A remarkable performance was recently witnessed by two stablemen in Victoria, B. C. A horse confined in a box-stall jumped out of his box over a gate three feet nine inches high, the

BACK TO HIS HAY.

open space above being the same height, went to the water trough and drank and then deliberately jumped back again to his captivity. The horse is a powerful chestnut and is of good size.

Overworking Young Horses.

While it is well to break the colt to drive while it is a yearling, it should not be allowed to do any work until it is two years old, and then not be set to any heavy pulling. Three years old, or, better still, four years, is a better time, and the younger age only for Percherons, or some of the breeds of heavy draught horses. With the active, nervous breeds there is sure to be injury unless muscles and bones have been fully devloped and hardened before the horse is set at hard work. Most horses are at their best for work at six or seven years of age.

Early Potatoes in Gardens.

It is the habit of most farmers to plant a few potatoes for early use in the garden. But this is bad practice, because often the potatoes are planted on the same ground year after year, and as the germs of disease live in the soil over winter, the potatoes thus grown are most likely to be diseased. Besides, where potatoes are grown in succession, the soil is filled with hard-shel potato bugs, which come up just about the time the potatoes do, and will often be found gnawing the potato shoots before it is fairly out of the ground. It is much better to plow a clover sod somewhere on rich land for the early potatoes, and reserve the garden for vegetables not so easily grown by field culture.

Superiority of Dehorned Cattle.

Packers probably pay more for dishorned cattle. They always ship better, resulting in less bruising, and, while the scratching of horns on the hides very rarely does any great damage, it is frequently discriminated against by hide buyers. The dressed carcass is also blemished if any bruises occur. In the main, therefore, dishorned cattle dress much better. Where cattle are kept up we should say by all means that the dishorning system is preferable for packing-house purposes.—Rural New-Yorker.

Cottonseed Meal.

The hulls of cotton seed are exceedingly hard to digest. For this the cottonseed meal that contains many of the black specks which are parts of the hull should never be fed to young stock, or even to older stock, unless it has been gradually accustomed to its use. The meal free from specks is very rich food, and especially in the material for furnishing strength. It needs to be fed with some divisor that contains little nutrition, and for this purpose grain straw is better than hay, as it is less likely to cloy the animal.

Stone or Cement Floors for Dairies.

There is no floor for a dairy so good as flagstone and cement between the joints. It will not absorb milk or cream as board or brick will do, is easily cleaned, and is always easily kept cool in summer. The cost of a cement floor is not much, if any, greater than that from other material that will not give half so good satisfaction. The dairy floor should be even with the surface of the soil, or but very slightly above it.

Removal of Large Trees.

American tree planters find no difficulty in moving large trees. Trees up to three feet in circumference are frequently moved, and generally with great success. The Gardeners' Chronicle reports the removal of a large purple beech, which was forty feet high and six feet three inches in girth at four feet from the ground. The tree was moved in 1880, and is still growing vigorously.—Meehans' Monthly.

Strawberry Planting.

Do not put the strawberry plants too close together in the rows if you desire strong runners to grow. Some varieties send out more runners than others, and that fact must be kept in view. Novices, when purchasing their strawberry plants this spring, should make all inquiries of the nurseryman in regard to the habits of the variety selected or mistakes may be made in cultivation.

Black Rot in Cabbage.

There is a disease of cabbage—mostly of the early kinds—known as black rot, which can not be prevented from spreading after it appears among the plants. It can be diffused by manure, seeds, insects and dust, and is most active when the weather is warm. The only way to get rid of it is to refrain from growing cabbage on the same land for several years.

The Wagon Road.

A heavy road roller on country roads will at least pack the earth and prevent ruts, though it is difficult to find a good road when the frost is leaving the ground unless the road is well drained and carefully made.

Fast Walking Horses.

A horse trained to walk fast, whether he be for the saddle, single harness or team, always commands a better price than one equally good in other respects, but a slow walker.

Save the Wood Ashes.

Do not let the wood ashes of the farm go to waste. They are valuable on the garden, and for corn and wheat as well, and the value of a liberal application will be seen for years.

Tens to Remember.

Ten hens in a house ten by ten feet are enough.

Ten eggs is the average number to each pound.

Ten hens with one male is about the proportion.

Ten chicks, when just hatched weigh about one pound.

Ten weeks from shell to market is the time allotted a chick.

The yard should be at least ten times as the floor of the house.

Ten flocks, each consisting of ten hens, are enough for an acre.

Ten pounds is a good weight for males of the larger breeds, one year old.

Ten months in the year is usually the highest limit of time during which a hen will lay.

Ten cents per pound is about the average price of hens in market for the whole year.

Ten quarts of corn, or its equivalent, should feed a hen ten weeks, if she is of a large breed, but ten quarts in three months is about a fairer proportion.

Ten cents should feed a chick ten weeks, and it should then weigh two pounds, if highly fed, the ten cents covering the greatest abundance of food.

Spring Humors

That pimple on your arm, those eruptions, itching and burning hives, just as surely indicate impurities in the blood, which should have prompt and careful attention, as do boils, carbuncles, ulcers, salt rheum and the severest forms of scrofula. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures all humors of the blood of every form and degree.

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So common in the spring, is also due to the weak, thin, depleted condition of the blood. Make your blood pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and you will be strong and ready for work, will have good appetite and good health. Try Hood's Sarsaparilla this spring.

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My whole system being out of order and my right side partially paralyzed. I was under a doctor's care most of last winter. I have tried various remedies and realized only a temporary relief. I have been taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills, and can truly say that I have derived more real benefit from them than from anything I have tried. I intend to continue taking the medicine so long as I realize

Such Good Results.

I intend also to have Hood's Pills in the house. I cannot speak loud enough in their praise. Along with Hood's Sarsaparilla I recommend them to my friends and for the benefit of suffering humanity at large. My wife has been greatly helped by Hood's Sarsaparilla, being all run down and her system much out of order. My two little boys, aged two and four years, recovered quickly from the effects of diptheria by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which rid them of troublesome sores and symptoms of the croup. They now appear well and hearty. I shall always praise Hood's Sarsaparilla."—W. F. BURNETT, Storkey, Oregon.

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British Postal Reforms.

Numerous reductions of charges and extensions were made by the British postoffice during 1897. Postage on domestic letters was made one penny for four ounces, with an additional halfpenny for every two ounces. Thus in Great Britain it costs only 3 cents to send a letter weighing six ounces, while in the United States it would cost twice as much. Merchants are allowed to inclose bills with goods sent by parcel post. Most important was the completion of the transfer of the trunk telephone system of the United Kingdom to the postoffice department. During the year the deposits in the postal savings banks increased about $35,000,000.

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Safety Hat Pins.

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The Ingenious Man.

He was a very ingenious man. He had made an invention which was of great value. He thought so, at least, if the world did not, and he had his invention patented. It was a combination camp stool, cane and umbrella. The cane was the usual form of the invention. At a big parade nothing could be more convenient, and for an ordinary, unexpected rainstorm, what could be better? A man is sure to have his walking stick with him.

It was not so long after the invention had been perfected that the man was out walking with his wife, and a sudden shower came up. There were no cars accessible, and the only thing to do was to run, and the unlucky pair did this with a vengeance, reaching the house hot, uncomfortable and pretty wet.

"Well, we are here at last," said the man, drawing a long breath of relief.

"Yes," said the wife, disconsolately, "but I think I have ruined my new bonnet. And, John Smith," she added, suddenly, with a little scream, "what do you think you have done? You had that old invention of yours—cane-camp-stool-umbrella affair — in your hand all the time ready for an emergency, and forgot to use it."

The man tells the story and thinks it is a great joke.—N. Y. Times.

One of the trees in the park at Windsor, England, is supposed to be 1,200 years old. It is known as William the Conqueror.

In the spring cleanse your system by using Dr. Pfunder's Oregon Blood Purifier.

There are 1,759,000 volumes in the library of the British museum and more than 89 miles of shelving.

The order has gone out in Brooklyn that no man who beats his wife shall remain on the police force. Let it be declared of this borough that the innocent wives of others shall be equally free from beating and the dishonor of arrest.

Archaeologists have found the tomb of Osiris, who has been dead 10,000 years. By digging a few feet deeper they hope to find the remains of the late David Bennett Hill, who has been departed 800,000 years.

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A Bit of History.

St. Patrick's day is the anniversary of Lord Howe's evacuation of Boston. His troops embarked for Halifax on March 17, 1776. So all Americans may feel interested in the holiday observance of the recurring anniversary.

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