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**BROOM CORN.**

**METHOD OF CULTURE AND CURING.**

Plant same as Indian corn (unless the soil be very rich, when it should be planted in drills, close together, to prevent its becoming too long and coarse—fine medium length bush being desirable); cultivate thoroughly; cut with six inches of stalk, while the brush is perfectly green, just before the seed begins to harden; scrape the seed from the brush clean; dry in sheds, avoiding all exposure to the sun and weather; spread on poles or wires not more than two inches thick, leaving space enough between the different shelves to permit a free circulation of air; watch it while drying, and stir it if in danger of becoming mouldy or stained; when thoroughly dried, pack in bales weighing about two hundred pounds; lay smoothly in press, the brush in the center of the bale and the butts at the ends, using an inch slat on each corner of the bale. A neat, compact bale of smooth, fine, pea-green brush, will always sell for one-third more than badly baled, coarse, pale, or red brush.

**WHO DOES HE REPRESENT.**

The New York World says: By the way, who does Mr. Blaine represent in this present crusade? Not the people of Maine, for at the last election eleven voters out of every twenty voted against him and his party. Not the Republican party, for at its last convention his candidature was regarded as certain to be disastrous, and there was a stampede to name Hayes, lest Blaine might be chosen. Not the North, for at the last election only forty-seven voters in every hundred cast Republican ballots, and of those forty-seven not all are, we feel sure, willing to enlist in the Mulligan Guards. Whom does Mr. Blaine represent?

The English duty on tobacco amounts to \$45,000,000 a year.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Next Tuesday night the latest hours of the wasting year will "drag their weary length along," and "Old '78," with his joys and his sorrows, must pass from the calendar of the present, and assume his appointed position, throughout time and eternity, in the unchangeable record of the past. Some there are who will preserve his memory fresh and green, to whom the passing year will ever be associated with thoughts of joy and happiness. But many who welcomed his coming with hearts light with fair promises, full of anticipated happiness and prosperity, and fondest hopes for the future, are now resting in untimely graves, or live but to mourn for homes made desolate—whose hopes have been blasted, and who have received but sorrow and lamentation as their portion.

So far as Covington is concerned, we have been fortunate. There has not, perhaps, been as much business transacted, nor as large crops made in our parish as in some former years; but the excellent health which has prevailed with us throughout the year, while other portions of our fair State and the Sunny South have experienced the ravages of a most disastrous and death-dealing pestilence, should more than compensate for the slight reduction in traffic and trade. It is naturally true, that some homes in our midst have been visited by the fell destroyer; but we have been free from the ravages of contagious diseases of any kind. While feeling thankful that the Old Year has left us so little to regret, in comparison with other sections, we hope that with the bright New Year may come health, happiness and increased prosperity to all.

But the future is before us, and New Year's Day, that universal day of virtuous resolutions and intended reforms, is near at hand. In the words of Sargent, we bid adieu to the Old Year, with its record of disease and death, and gladly welcome the New:

We will not deplore them, the days that are past; The gloom of misfortune is over them cast; They are lengthened by sorrow and sullied by care; Their griefs were too many, their joys were too rare; Yet, now that their shadows are on us no more, Let us welcome the prospect that brightens before.

Capt. James B. Eads, who built the great bridge across the Mississippi, at St. Louis, and who is now constructing the jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi, has been indicted on the charge of wholesale robbery, in connection with the failure of the Bank of the State of Missouri. He is one of the directors of the Bank. The cause of the failure is said to be directly due to the perversion of its funds and credit by the directors to their individual uses.

Three vessels arrived in New Orleans last Tuesday with cargoes of salt aggregating 23,129 sacks.

**Proceedings of the Police Jury.**

The Police Jury of the parish of St. Tammany met at the Court-house, in Covington, on Monday, December 23, 1878.

The new members elect (with the exception of J. Crow and N. Fendleson), having been qualified, presented their commissions and were sworn in.

Present—George Kepp, First Ward; Wm. Badon, Third Ward; J. L. Dicks, Fourth Ward; Jesse Abney, Fifth Ward; Pat Welch, Sixth Ward; Morris Tally, Seventh Ward; Armand Cousin, Ninth Ward.

Absent—N. Fendleson, Second Ward; J. Crow, Eighth Ward.

Mr. Thos. Fitzgerald appeared and claimed his right to a seat, as Mr. Fendleson had not qualified, and the time for which Mr. Fitzgerald was elected had not expired.

The Board then proceeded to elect a President.

Mr. Wm. Badon, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

The next business in order was the election of a Secretary. Mr. Welch proposed the name of Isaac Evans. There being no other nominations, Mr. Evans was unanimously elected.

The Board having been organized, proceeded to business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Wadsworth, Attorney for the Police Jury, having expressed a wish to withdraw, Mr. J. M. Thompson was unanimously elected as his successor.

The Board then proceeded to elect a Treasurer, with the following result:

Mr. J. O. Poole, 5; Mr. Matthew Dicks, 3; Mr. J. E. Smith, 1.

Mr. J. O. Poole, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

The report of the committee on expenditures, at the last meeting, did not appear satisfactory to the members of Board, and the Chair appointed a committee of three to revise the same, viz: Thos. Fitzgerald, J. L. Dicks and J. M. Abney.

After a brief recess, the Board was called to order, when the committee presented the following estimate of expenditures for the year 1879:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Items include Pay of Grand and Petit Jury, Parish Treasurer, Clerk of Police Jury, Printing, Coroner's fees, Commissions of Tax Collector, Contingent expenses, Assessor's fees, Clerk's and Sheriff's fees in Criminal cases, Police Jury, Sinking Fund, For Public Schools.

Total \$4,750 [Signed] J. L. DICKS, THOS. FITZGERALD, JESSE M. ABNEY, Committee.

On motion, the report was received and adopted, and the committee discharged.

The Chair then appointed Mr. Morris Tally to examine the Treasurer's report, and report at the next meeting.

On motion, the Jury adjourned, to meet on the first Monday in February, 1879.

A true copy of the minutes. ISAAC EVANS, Secretary.

Rice can be profitably raised on most of our uplands. Water is not a necessity, as is often supposed. It is used on low lands to facilitate the cultivation of the crop by drowning the grass.

Collect fertilizing material on every occasion. There can never be too much of it.

**TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.**

**Domestic.**

Buffalo had a \$95,000 fire Christmas morning.

The trials of election cases in Charleston, S. C., will commence immediately after New Year's.

The total amount received by the Mayor of New York, in aid of the yellow fever sufferers, is \$68,253 33. The totals have only been just footed up.

A special agent of the Department of Justice has been sent to New Orleans to investigate charges against United States Marshal Jack Wharton.

The Produce Exchange of New York has issued a circular to all commercial bodies of the United States, urging that the pound be taken as a unit of weight in the sale of all articles of produce, and that large transactions should be indicated by 1000 pounds or multiples thereof.

A dispatch from Dr. Chisholm, of Baltimore, now on a visit to Charleston, S. C., says that Gov. Hampton is very much better. He sleeps well and is very cheerful. The crisis is over. This is authentic and not based on newspaper reports. It will be gratifying to the many friends of Gov. Hampton to hear of the cheerful report of his condition.

The Controller of the Currency has decided that the Blaine investigating committee can not use the unexpended balance of the appropriation made for the Matthews investigating committee last winter. This leaves the Blaine committee without funds, and will prevent the commencement of the investigation until after the reassembling of Congress.

**Foreign.**

The German government has refused to allow Mr. Mandle, an American, to lecture in Berlin in favor of emigration to America.

The North German Gazette officially and emphatically denies that the United States has protested against Germany acquiring Curacao, etc., as such acquisitions were never contemplated by Germany.

A dispatch from Lahore says: Shere Ali accompanied the rear guard of the retiring Russian mission, previously sending Major Cavnagari an important letter. The Ghilzai chiefs have proclaimed Yakob Khan as Ameer.

The State Line steamship State of Louisiana, Capt. Johnstone, from Glasgow, which left that port on the 23d inst. for New York, ran ashore on the 24th at Hunter's Rock, while entering Larne Lough. The vessel will probably become a total loss.

There is said to be a serious movement going on among the working classes in many of the towns of the midland counties and in the north of England, having for its purpose an organized attempt to disestablish and disendow the Established Church, and the appropriation of its large revenues to relieve the grinding distress that is now pressing upon the people.

**HOW TO GO TO SLEEP.**

[Kansas City Journal.]

Sit down in an easy position, relaxing all the muscles of the body, and let the head drop forward on the breast, as low as it will fall without forcing it. Sit quietly this way for a few moments, freeing all the will power of the body, and a restless, drowsy feeling will ensue, which will, if not disturbed, lead to refreshing sleep. If the sleepless fit comes on in the night, one can simply sit up in the position described. Stiffness of any part of the body must be avoided, and it is well to bend the body forward after lying down, rather than to keep it straight or thrown back upon the pillow. The writer suffered years from sleeplessness caused by severe pain and nervousness, and was taught the above by a physician of great experience and ability, and found through it great relief. Many persons similarly afflicted, within the writer's knowledge, have tried it, and always with good results.

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