

The St. Tammany Farmer.

"The Blessings of Government, Like the Dew from Heaven, Should Descend Alike Upon the Rich and the Poor."

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Railroad Ties.

MADE FROM CORNSTALKS.

One inventor has come to town with something entirely new. He is J. T. Schaffer, of Rochester, known as an expert on hydraulic machinery, says the New York World. He is also an expert on duration, or the hardening of substances to make them both fire and water proof, and is well up on extracting fluids from solids.

The inventor's scheme is to manufacture railroad ties out of cornstalks. He has with him at the Victoria Hotel a sample block of brick of his indurated cornstalks, which is as hard as a rock and of a grayish color. There are in the United States about 210,000 miles of single track railway, for which are required 500,000,000 wooden ties. The annual renewal of ties are about 100,000,000. The wood is giving out and Mr. Schaffer would use pressed cornstalks as a substitute.

Having figured out the geographical relation of the roads to the corn belt, Mr. Schaffer has decided to run his plant to the railroads instead of distributing the ties from a center. As a thrashing machine travels about the country "setting up" at farms where it is required, so this inventor intends to draw his locomotive to siding along the corn and sugar-cane belts and turn out as many ties as may be demanded. It would require a train of four or five cars. About 25 hands would be employed, and a tie could be turned out every thirty seconds, or 1200 during a working day of ten hours. "Oak ties," said Mr. Schaffer, "cost \$1.33 in northern New York. The cornstalk substitute costs one-third less. The latter will out last three wooden ties."

"All railroads soak their wooden ties in creosote to lengthen their life," continued Mr. Schaffer. "The objections to creosoting are that it does not prevent water from soaking in between the spikes and wood fiber. Again it is very expensive, and in third place creosote is a deadly poison."

"To the steel tie there is objection, the noise and the lack of elasticity, which prevents the tie from springing back into place after the ends have dropped into the road-bed."

"The Wabash experimented with cement ties, but it was necessary to insert wooden plugs into which to drive the spikes, and the water, swelling the plugs, burst the cement. In Paris they tried ties made out paper, but the cost was prohibitive, and, by the way, no insect that lives can penetrate a corn stalk tie, for the cells are all filled with 'indurator' or hardening substance."

"Spreading of the rails is the cause of most of the accidents," says the inventor. "Now I would divert the rails into my use, and there would be no 'spreading.'"

Chess is taught in every public school in Strohbeck, Saxony, and every boy and girl carries a board and set of men to school.

Guest (to bell boy)—"Is this a foundry?" Bell Boy—"No, sir; this is a hotel. That thumping you hear is on the inside of your head."

It was a reporter with some humor who stated that at the end of a local party "the guests went home and the neighbors went to sleep."

A new ruling from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture relieves certain fertilizers and feedstuffs from the necessity of tagging.

A man will die for want of air in five minutes, for want of sleep in ten days, for want of water in a week, and for want of food at varying periods, depending on other circumstances.

"Three saved by chewing gum." is the head over a news item. It seems that the three used chewing gum to plug a hole in their canoe. Then they were saved by not chewing it, after all.

A CERTAIN CURE FOR COUGHS.
When a child shows symptoms of croup, there is no time to experiment with new remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been known to fail, viz: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Give it, and a quick cure is sure to follow. Mr. M. F. Compton, of Market, Texas, says of it: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in severe cases of croup, with my children, and can truthfully say it always gives prompt relief." For sale by Jos. S. Claverie, Druggist.

How to Cook Rice.

Physicians and others who have eaten rice cooked by a Hindoo, a Chinaman or a Southern dandy, must have remarked the difference between the results obtained by these artists and those of the benighted cooks of the North, says the Medical World. We learn from an authoritative source that the secret lies in the following recipe: The rice should be carefully washed and placed in a kettle of boiling water, which should be placed on the back of the range over a slow fire, where the rice should simmer slowly until done. Stirring is not only useless but harmful. If there is any water left, it should be drained off carefully, and the rice should then stand in a hot place for some time. Nothing should be added during the cooking—no salt, no sugar, milk or butter. If the cooking has been done properly, each grain of rice will stand out by itself, plump, dry and beautiful. Served very hot at the table, the rice should be reverently treated with cayenne pepper and butter, after which will be revealed to the consumer one of the secrets of the success of the Japanese army.

A young man took his best girl to church last evening and, stopping at the end of one of the rear pews, turned to the usher and said, "I guess we can squeeze in here." "Yes," said the usher with a subdued smile, "I guess you can, but probably it would be better for all concerned to wait till you get home."

Forceps are not used by Japanese dentists in drawing teeth. The work is done with the thumb and forefinger of one hand. The skill necessary to do this is acquired only after long practice, but when once it is attained, the operator is able to extract half a dozen teeth in about thirty seconds.

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He (after the honeymoon)—Has your father said anything about helping to provide a home for us? She—Oh! yes indeed. He said that when we had a home of our own he would buy me a cookery book and allow mother to come and teach me how to use it, even if it took a year. —Illustrated Biss.

House rents have risen in Rome so much faster than the ability of the poor to pay has increased that hundreds of families have been camping, so to speak, in the porches of palaces and churches and the doorway of houses.

Tess—Just met Miss Nuritch and she said she was in a great hurry to get down town and buy some gloves for your feet. What on earth was she driving at? Jess—My feet. Oh, I invited her to my lawn fete this afternoon. —Philadelphia Press.

A girl in Gaylord, Kan., was told by one of her admirers that, if she didn't marry him he'd get a rope and hang himself right in front of her house. "Oh, please don't do it, dear," she said, "you know father doesn't want you hanging around here."

GRIP QUICKLY KNOCKED OUT.
"Some weeks ago, during the severe winter weather, both my wife and myself contracted severe colds, which speedily developed into the worst kind of grippe, with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Eggleston, of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip." It is a good plan to take a dose of the Tablets when you have a cold. They promote a healthy action of the bowels, liver and kidneys, which is always beneficial when the system is congested by a cold or attack of the grip. For sale by Jos. S. Claverie, Druggist.

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