The Avant Courier.

THURSDAY, : : : : JUNE 13, 1878.

A Warning to Every Housekeeper—

Including husband as well as wife—is the account published last month (page 169) of the deaths, at Newport, R. I., of six persons in a family of eight, all occurring in rapid succession. The important portion of this account, is the almost absolute tracing of this mortality to its cause—utter and shocking neglect to remove the wastes of those eight persons. Here, in the famed city of Newport, the resort of wealthy pleasure seekers, and the permanent residence of a community widely known for its intelligence and refinement, was a state of affairs which could not be found in the poorest "huddle" of holes and huts, that answers for houses to the lowest of all our tribes of savages, the Digger Indians. This condition was not due to poverty, but, let us hope, to ignorance rather than indifference. There are some subjects that we would prefer not to write upon, but when, as in this case, it is one not only involving health, but life, we feel it a duty to our readers, to call things by their plain names and to ask them to put aside all squeamishness, while we beg them to look to the condition of their closets and privy-vaults. There are occasional exceptions, but we know that, take the country through, outside of villages and cities, where there is public provision for carrying off fecal matters, this is the one weak point in our domestic arrangements, and a disgrace to our civilization. Several years ago we made a carriage journey of several days, with a party of well known pomologists, through one of the most noted fruit-growing districts in the country. A region not only famed for the variety and excellence of its fruits, and the beauty of its rural scenery, but also for the refinement and hospitality of its people. Everything conspired to make the visit in all respects most charming—save one. A large share of our enjoyment was neutralized by the horrid condition of the outbuildings—a few at private places were bad enough, but those at three or four hotels where we were guests, were of a kind and in a condition which need not be described. Were some enemy to human health, comfort, and decency, to offer a prize for the very worst affair of this kind that human ingenuity could devise, we are quite sure that one of these hotels would win it, though the competition among themselves would be close. We do not mention this fruit-growing district as exceptionally bad, but as an instance of a neglect of sanitary matters in a community where we should least expect to find it. If such can occur in the very oldest settlements of generally well-to-do people, we may expect newer localities, where men are struggling to make a home, to be even worse. Diptheria, as in the Newport case, is a disease less frequently traced to such causes than Typhoid, and other low forms of fever, Scarlet-fever, etc. That *any* disease can originate from neglect of the out-building, should alarm the whole community. We frequently read in the papers, that "the funeral was attended by the most substantial and influential citizens from miles around," and that "the sermon was most impressive, and well calculated to comfort the afflicted family," but these, and similar obituary notices, are often quite incomplete for the lack of the statement—"the privy-vault and sink-drain remain as heretofore." It is probable that there would be less of this neglect, were it not that the subject is commonly regarded as *taboo*—one not to be mentioned. "Water-closet" is tolerated, but "privy" shocks many very nice people, who will hear absolute profanity without protest. In this case we do not mean "water-closets," but *privies*, and we say that, take them throughout the country, from top to bottom, shore to shore, they are a disgrace to people called "civilized," not only in the matter of decency and comfort, but in the vastly more important one of health; and when we hear of certain deaths as "mysterious dispensation of Providence," we feel that it would be much more to the point to call them "God's protest against the violation of His natural laws"—laws which many brutes observe more closely than do many men. The existence of this danger is absolutely inexcusable, as it can be avoided, almost without trouble and without cost. Now, before weather becomes settled at mid-summer heat, every common privy should be substituted by, or converted into, an 'Earth-Closet.' Dry earth, not sand, but good loamy soil, the stiffer the better, and perfectly dry, is all that is needed to destroy every offensive odor, and every unhealthy emanation. Earth-closets, or "Commodes," are very convenient, and are commended to those who can afford them. They may be placed in any out-building, in any vacant closet or other room in the house, and for invalids and delicate persons, are the greatest imaginable comfort. But to secure all the benefits of dry earth, these are not necessary. An Earth-closet consists of a receptacle to hold the deposit, a place to hold dry earth, and a mechanical contrivance that, by pulling a handle, will allow a portion of dry earth to fall upon and cover the deposit. Now a soap box will answer to hold the deposit, another soap box will hold the dry earth, and a scoop (an empty fruit can, if nothing better), will answer in place of the machinery for dropping the earth. These articles, if bought, need not cost 25 cents; but they, or something that will serve, may be picked up on almost any farm. Having these, it one cannot arrange them with reference to a seat, in a convenient manner, he must be quite lacking in tact. This outfit will be quite as efficacious as the most costly "Commode" ever made, in every respect, save one—some persons will be so indifferent, lazy, or obstinate, that they will neglect to apply the earth. This is a matter which must be *insisted upon*. A contrivance of this kind may be put in a place partitioned off in the wood-shed or other building, and one should also be made at the barn for the farm hands. If the receptacle is small, it should be made the business of some one to empty it daily, throwing the contents upon the manure heap. Several inquire whether the "night-soil" is not thus injured for use as manure. Not perceptibly, if placed upon the manure heap; it is only when it has been kept mixed with dry earth for a long time, and in a dry place, that it is dissipated. But this is of not the least consequence. The value of the night-soil, of a whole family for all time, is not to be offset against a single fit of sickness, to say nothing of a death. Many will find it convenient to convert their present out-building into an earth-closet. The old vault is to be filled up, and the building may stand in its original location, or elsewhere, as may be convenient. As, when properly managed, no odor whatever is given off, the structure may be placed as near the house as desireable. A strongly made box is provided, of such a size as will pass easily under the seats. Two joists are laid down to support wooden rollers, with iron pins for journals, upon which the box may run, and if large, the box should have ring-bolts, to allow a horse to be hitched to it when carried away to be emptied, in which case it is well to provide it with runners. If not too heavy, it may be moved by two men, with the aid of loose rollers.

In gathering the dry earth, scrape up the surface from the garden or plowed field, or use road dust if not sandy. By capillary attraction the surface earth is never completely dry. Harrow a place thoroughly, and throw the dry surface earth upon a platform of boards laid down for the purpose. The hot sun will soon make it completely dry; cart it in before night-fall, or if it must be left over night, cover it from the dew with boards or other material. Store in a dry place. It is well to collect enough to last a year, and pass it through a screen to remove stones and lumps. One more point to be remembered. Coal ashes are quite as efficient an absorbent as dry earth, and may be conveniently used, especially in winter. Finally, let the master of the house, or the mistress, insist upon two things—that the scoop and soil shall be used, and that no slops of any kind shall be poured into the receptacle. Chamber slops are of sufficient value for it to pay to carry them daily to the manure heap.—*American Agriculturist.*

The Bonanza King's Millions.

The Consolidated Virginia Mining Company yesterday declared its usual monthly dividend (No. 44) of $2 per share, aggregating $1,080,000, payable on the 13th inst. This brings the grand total of dividends paid by this company since May, 1874, up to $39,960,000. The California Mining Company also declared yesterday the usual monthly dividend (No. 24) of $2 per share, aggregating $1,080,000 payable on Monday, the 15th inst., making the grand total of dividends paid since May, 1876, (twenty-four months) $25,920,000. Up to date the Consolidated Virginia has paid in dividends $70 per share, and the California $47 per share; and the grand total of dividends paid by both companies is $65,880,000.—*Virginia City Enterprise.*

A Flying Machine.

The New York *World* has been witnessing a new flying machine, which proved better than Darius Green's. The *World* says:

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The Kind of a Girl to Have.

The young people of Cincinnati are excited over a promised wedding that didn't take place. The young man and young woman had known each other from childhood, and were prominent in society circles. The wedding guests were assembled and the loving couple were on the floor. The minister propounded the usual question to the bride as to whether she would take the man for husband, etc., when, much to the surprise of all present, she answered "No." Thinking he misunderstood her, the minister asked the question again, and again she answered "No." This stopped the ceremony, and the story came out. The young man, addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors, had promised to reform if the lady would consent to marry him, and had signed the pledge. He had been on trial for months, but, as the bride turned to him as they stood side by side before the minister, she caught the odor of whisky on his breath, and detected signs of incipient intoxication. She closed the extraordinary scene by stating that she could not trust her future to a man who had broken a promise so solemnly made. Expostulations and entreaties were all in vain. The wedding did not take place.—*Inter-Ocean.*

Holding the Breath Under Water.

Dr. R. S. Tracy, in Popular Science Monthly.

It is probable that the entrance of water into the lungs has a great deal to do with painlessness of drowning. It is certain that unconsciousness comes on more quickly when the person is deprived of air because the lungs are filled with water than when the air-passages are closed, while the lungs remain intact. Most persons can hold their breath for a minute, very many for a minute and a half, some two minutes. In one of the variety theatres of New York appeared recently "The Brilliant Pearl of the Enchanted Grotto, christened undine who performs, while under water, incased in a mammoth crystal illuminated glass tank, feats of astonishing suppleness and almost unbelievable endurance." This performer can probably remain under water and hold her breath voluntarily two minutes and perhaps more. I have myself, watch in hand, seen Johnson, the celebrated ocean-swimmer, remain under water in a tank before an audience for the astonishing space of three minutes and twenty seconds, and before he rose, the involuntary contractions of his respiratory muscles were uncomfortable to witness. In such cases' although extreme distress may be felt, there is no approach to unconsciousness. But if a person's head is under water, and he does not hold his breath, unconsciousness will usually come on in one or two minutes at the furthest.

Better than a Trade.

In these days, when thousands of men are out of employment; when the college educated young men, who cannot work because they do not know how, and feel above work, nor get employment as book keepers, teachers and clerks, because these avocations are filled already; when the tradesmen and mechanics who depend for employment upon others, find themselves often out of a job because of stagnation of manufacturing and building enterprises; when tramps are multiplying from sheer necessity, occasioned by hard times for everybody, it is a fit time to think seriously if there is any way that a young person who is about to embark in life for himself can avoid these breakers that swamp so many. What avocation is independent of such calamities as are sure to befall so many? The cultivator of the soil—the man who owns a snug little farm and keeps away mortgages—pays no interest money—depends upon himself—is the most independent and happy denizen of this earth, other things being equal. The intelligent, frugal, self-reliant, enterprising and cultivated tiller of the soil is the nation's anchor—the patriotic citizen—the happy man. No matter what convulsions overwhelm the commercial world, and break up industrial enterprises of various kinds, while vegetation grows and people eat, the farmer is the main stay of his country, the one nearest nature's own bosom, the one least affected by social, political and general disturbances. Our advice to young men is to stick to the farm. Study and work to be successful, to excel in every deparment of farming. To tradesmen and mechanics we say get yourselves a few acres where you can make a home and find home employment whenever you would be otherwise idle, or may have the inclination to do so. To the tramp we say, drop all evil associates, all evil habits, and before it is too late, or you become a chronic, despondent outcast. Get hold of some land to cultivate on some sort of terms, and stick to it till you can work yourself above your present unenviable condition. Place yourselves in a position to command your own time; be independent, reliable, earnest, successful—be a tiller of the soil, and the owner of a home.—*Californian Agriculturist.*

A Cool Mother.

A few days ago a lady in the Sixth Ward was making molasses candy for her children. While removing the melted liquid from the stove, her little boy in his haste to obtain his portion, stumbled against his mother's elbow, upsetting the dish over her hand, burning her in a frightful manner. She immediately wrapped her hand up in a cotton handkerchief and saturated it with a bottle of Wolcott's Pain Paint, keeping it constantly wet with the remedy. The result was more than wonderful; it not only stopped all pain in a very short time, but her hand did not even blister, and the next day was apparently as well as ever, with the exception of two small places where the skin was actually burned off at the time of the accident. She says that with this remedy, she never fails in removing headache, toothache and neuralgia within a very few minutes by an outward application; besides curing rheumatism, healing ulcers and sores of long standing, without causing any pain in its direct application; on the contrary, producing a very cooling and soothing effect to all inflamed surfaces.

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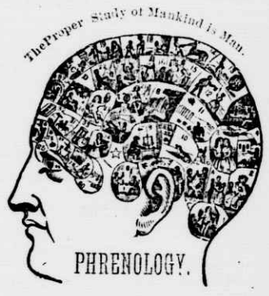

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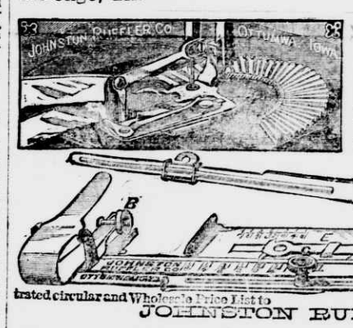

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