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A distinguished scientist of Paris says tobacco smoke is the most perfect safeguard by way of the annihilation of germs and disinfectant ever used.

It is said that the wife of Field Marshal Oyama, commander of the Japanese forces that captured Wei-Hai-Wei, was for a number of years a resident of Connecticut, and is a graduate of Vassar College.

"Spain is likely," says the New York Advertiser, "to remember with sorrow the three solid shot fired at the American liner, Albatross. They may prove the most expensive rounds of ammunition ever discharged, for the price of them may be the Pearl of the Antilles."

"RETURNING TO ITS ANTE-BELLUM CUSTOM."

Under this caption the Philadelphia Times says the South is returning to its ante-bellum custom of raising its own corn and provisions. In 1860, with a population of 10,000,000, the corn product was 358,000,000 bushels. In 1894, with a population of 20,000,000, the aggregate was 488,000,000 bushels.

As a matter of fact Southern farmers should return at least 700,000,000 bushels of corn from their acres, thinks the Knoxville Tribune, and THE VIRGINIAN fully agrees with it. This would keep at home, it is estimated, \$100,000,000 sent to the West for food stuffs. The South, however, is awakening to the true situation of affairs in this regard, and it is believed that during the present crop year the South will not only make more corn, but more of all kinds of products for home consumption than has been the case for years.

JAPAN AND HAWAII.
A correspondent of the Washington Star, who resides in Hawaii, intimates that Japan may be so set up with the success of her arms in the war with China that a policy may be developed by that country in reference to the Hawaiian Islands, which may lead to the attempt to bring the islands under Japanese domination.

The correspondent says that the wonderful skill, organization and attainment in the higher arts of civilization which have been so conspicuously demonstrated by the Japanese nation in their present war excites the highest admiration. He thinks, however, that while this evidence of their progress and success in adopting modern civilization is most gratifying and hopeful, and one must rejoice to see such a nation range itself on the side of civilization and enlightenment, yet every victory of Japan makes her a more terrible menace to little, unprotected Hawaii.

The writer cites the fact that Japan is not only a powerful and formidable force in the Pacific, but that she is one of the nearest to Hawaii. Continuing, he says: "Twenty five thousand of her people are already here among us, a restless, determined, shifty, excitable class. They constitute in numbers one-fourth of our population. Unless prevented by other powers it would be a simple matter for Japan to take possession of Hawaii. Our only security against such an event lies in protection from either the United States or Great Britain. The latter power would gladly assume the task of protecting—and owning—this outpost of civilization, lying on the direct road between her great colonies. She defers, however, to the stronger claims of the United States."

Much of the above is true, but the correspondent need apprehend no danger from Japan domination in the Hawaiian Islands, as nothing of the kind will be permitted. Should such be attempted Uncle Sam will be heard from on the subject.

A NEW ANTITOXINE.

Dr. Paul Gieber, Director of the New York Pasteur Institute, announces the discovery of an antitoxine serum for lockjaw, which he claims is a positive preventive remedy for that terrible form of slow strangulation.

"Arguing from the analogy of the Behring serum for diphtheria, which produces an immunity from diphtheria poison," remarks the Philadelphia Record, "one need not be incredulous of Dr. Gieber's claim, although a more circumstantial account of his experiments and test trials must be made public before entire faith can be placed in his assertion."

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., March 19.—In the Superior Court yesterday afternoon the following cases on the State docket were disposed of: Ellen P. Ivey, colored, fighting, dismissed with payment of costs of trial; Matthew Twomey, colored, for assault, dismissed on payment of costs; Jno. A. Bright, white, assault, fined \$10 and costs. The grand jury having brought in no indictments and there being no further business before the court for the afternoon, resolutions regarding the death of Mr. C. W. Grandy, a prominent member of the bar in this place, was read. The resolutions express the grief of the profession at the loss sustained in his death. After the resolutions were read several of the lawyers present made eulogistic addresses.

At this morning's session John Lowery, for assault, was put on trial and pleaded guilty. A number of witnesses testified to his good character and his honor, Judge Byrnes, said he would consider the matter of punishment.

William and Mary Lucas, Louis Brown and Willis Gallup, all colored, were then put on trial for stealing chickens and attempted burglary. At this writing testimony in the case is still being heard.

Among the lawyers attending court are Wm. Leary, Wm. E. Bond and W. D. Pruden, of Edenton, and T. G. Skinner and J. H. Blount, of Hertford.

THE REAL NEW WOMAN.

I own there are heights that she cannot attain. She is not at home with a gun. In pastimes where one living creature is slain she cannot perceive any fun. And never a poor fathered songster has died Her hat or her bonnet to grieve. And after the bonnet it were torture to ride. Last Leonard should lose in the race.

And much she ignores that new women should learn. And still she refuses to smoke. One wine from another she cannot discern. But she's splendid at seeing a joke. Her love and her friendship no labor can fret. No jealousy seems to alarm. In truth, not a mortal could ever forget Her humor, her kindness, her charm.

Though dozens of friends of her fealty boast. Her desk with quills is packed. Her very own relatives love her the most— A somewhat remarkable fact. With horses and with foals she ungrudgingly deals. And though it may end in her loss With calmness she never can wrangle for fares. Or haggle a counter across.

Her eyes, that are loyal and fearless and kind. At wrong or injustice will flame. But they never seem anxious a failure to find. They never hurry to blame. And well she is loved by the best and the worst.

For sympathy, courage and truth. For friendship unfailing they love her, the first. The last for her infinite ruth.

Oh, what if she never should do or should dare. In regions by woman untrod! Yet when her step passes men turn from de-spair.

And trust in the world and in God. Oh, what if no "record" she dares to eclipse. Nor manure her moral doles! But pain she would face with a smile on her lips. And death with a light in her eyes.

—London Judy.

Cost of Manuring.

An elaborate foreign report presents detailed statistics of the comparative cost under European conditions of manuring in systems of farming in which (1) a large amount of stock, (2) a small amount of stock and (3) no stock is kept, the comparative merits of commercial fertilizers, green manuring, night soil, sewage, etc., being discussed. The author concludes that green manuring, supplemented by commercial fertilizers, is suited to almost all conditions. Under favorable soil conditions manuring with artificial fertilizers may be exclusively practiced. The economy of the use of night soil, sewage, sweepings, factory waste, composts, etc., and bought stable manure depends upon local conditions, and these materials should be used only when they are cheaper than the more generally applicable system of green manuring supplemented by commercial fertilizers.

Although it is believed that in some cases the circumstances may warrant the reduction or total abandonment of stock raising and the substitution of some of the above systems of manuring, it is not safe to conclude that such is generally advisable. In deciding this question there are other important factors besides cost of manure to be taken into consideration.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Emperor William has presented the Castle Cronberg, near Friedrichshof, Germany, to his mother. The estate is a fine one.

The Duke of Argyll is engaged to be married again, this time to a canon's daughter. His late wife was the daughter of a bishop.

Mrs. Thomas A. Scott has enriched the University of Pennsylvania's archaeological museum with several rare objects of Egyptian art.

There are only two male relatives of Robespierre living at the present day—Maximilian de Robespierre, and his son, now 18 years old.

Mrs. Cleveland, who wears so little jewelry, is very fond of precious stones, but she prefers to keep them uncut—"to play with," as she says.

Governor Clarke of Arkansas is reckoned to be the leading lawyer of the state. He is a tall and dignified man, but is very attractive in his manner.

Prince Bismarck's eightieth birthday happens on April 1, and the indications point to a coming array of costly presents, which represent the best efforts of German jewelers.

By the will of his father, the late Colonel John Keane, ex-Congressman Keane of Elizabeth, N. J., gets the silver tankard and stirrup cup that once belonged to Charles XII of Sweden.

General Van Vliet is the oldest living officer of the regular army, but Lieutenant Moore, who is retired, entered the service as drummer boy in 1813. This was before Van Vliet was born.

John E. Searles, who is the trusted agent of Havenmeyer, the sugar man, and carries out all his schemes, is a staunch Methodist and has been for years the superintendent of a Brooklyn Sunday school.

It is computed by a statistician of the curious that Queen Victoria's hand, which is said to be a handsome one, has signed more important state papers and been kissed by more important men than the hand of any other queen that ever lived.

The Ex-Press Eugenio has presented to Colonel Bizot, whose mother was formerly in her household, the camp outfit used by the prince imperial in Zululand, together with the outfit which she herself used when she visited the scene of her son's death.

Miss Jeannette Douglass was the first woman who ever filled a regular clerkship in any of the departments at Washington. With several other women who were appointed a few days later she was employed to separate and trim paper money, a labor which is now done by machinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone were sitting in a church at Cannes the other day. They were near the pulpit, but when the sermon began Mr. Gladstone turned to his wife and said irritably, "I can't hear!" "Never mind, my dear," she replied in a whisper loud enough to reach the pulpit, "never mind. Go to sleep. It will do you much more good."

The Box Plait.

The box plait has "arrived," says a New York correspondent. It seems likely to stay here. Wherever and however it goes it is successful. It dominates dress skirts and beautiful bodies. It is the keynote to the present style in costume. One reason for this is that in every form it is becoming to nearly everybody. The full box plaited skirt is especially grateful to unsymmetrical figures, and the hanging box plait of the fashionable bodice hides many an otherwise obvious defect. Of course to the beautiful all things are beautiful, but even here the box plait is noticeable as a particularly fetching effect.



Rev. C. W. Clapham

A highly esteemed clergyman of the M. E. church, pastor of the Church Creek circuit in Dorchester Co., Maryland, writes: "C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass."

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Hood's. Before I had taken one bottle I had the use of my arms, thank God. These are facts and can be verified by many persons here. J. M. Colston, Church Creek, supplied me with Hood's. I am pastor of the M. E. church here." C. W. CLAPHAM, Church Creek, Maryland. Hood's Pills are prompt and efficient, yet easy in action. Sold by all druggists.

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