

HOME AND FOREIGN GOSSIP.

THE Prince Imperial will attain his majority March 18. There is to be a great gathering at Chislehurst on the occasion.

JOHN G. POTTS, the oldest Odd Fellow in the world, died at Galena a few days ago. He was initiated in lodge No. 1 at Philadelphia, in September, 1825.

A TOBACCO-JUICE expectorator was recently fined \$11 at New Albany, Ind., for persisting in ejecting his highly-colored saliva upon the floor of a church in that city.

ALMER HUNTLEY, of Cuba, N. Y., aged one hundred and seven years, sat upon his horse as straight as a boy of fifteen, and was photographed a few days ago.

A LOGANSPORT joker closed the saloons in that village for the space of one afternoon by sending each proprietor notice, signed "Many ladies," that the ladies would kindly call and hold prayer-meeting.

TENNISON doubtless had the temperance war in mind when he wrote: "Woman is the weaker man, and her passions are to mine as water into whisky, and as water into wine."

A PRAIRIE DU CHIEN ball, given in honor of a wedding, began at 10 o'clock one morning and lasted until the next daylight. When it closed, the bride was drunk, and the husband had been taken to jail for beating one of the guests.

The following sweet dispatch passed over the wires to a Maine girl the other day: "To ———: Your life is a rich bouquet of happiness, your eyes the sweetest flowers. If my wishes whisper southward, how happy you must be. Good night. Happy dreams, sweet love. FRANK."

A GENTLEMAN who has penetrated the eastern end of Wetzel county, West Virginia, describes a section of about thirty square miles where a newspaper, secular or religious, never finds its way. The sand and log shanties contain from eight to ten children each, and there was one family of fifteen persons. Indian meal, he says, is the chief article of food.

A NEWLY-MARRIED lady in Hadfield, N. J., "just for fun" did a toy snake, in one of her husband's boots a few days ago. The result of the joke was somewhat peculiar. The husband, on discovering the mock reptile, first took a critical look at himself in a mirror, and then threw it far out into a neighboring pond.

A CURA letter says the sugar crop this year will fall short about twenty-five per cent. It attributes the falling off to a lack of rain, which it says is a very exceptional circumstance. If the real truth were sought for, it would probably be found that the decline in the crop was caused by the devastating effects of her civil war.

THE Kentucky Lunatic Asylum has a farm of three hundred acres and a vegetable garden of sixty acres. The entire work of cultivating is done by the patients. The cooking and house-work is done by the female patients, who also make all their own clothing and the underclothing of the men. Dances, gymnastic exercises, lectures, and games keep the inmates from melancholy.

MR. S. KOEHLER, living near Waynesboro, Va., recently ordered an old oak to be cut down, remarking that the cutters would find a rock in the body of the tree, which he had put there fifty-four years ago when he was a little boy returning from school one day. When the tree was cut, in the heart of it was found imbedded the identical rock which Mr. Koehler had put in the fork of the little sapling more than a half century ago.

MR. JOHNSON GADDIE, living in the west end of Lebanon county, Kentucky, has raised thirteen children, all living and doing well, the most of them being married. He has fifty-two grand-children, all living in the neighborhood. He has never lost either a child or a grand-child by death. It is believed all the family are Democrats. If every Democrat was to do his duty as Mr. Gaddie has done his, says a local paper, no power on earth could keep the Democratic party down.

They have a novel way of enjoying the honeymoon in Detroit. A man named Schuyler Long was married Sunday evening to a widow named Ulysses, and the next day both were after warrants for assault and battery. It seems that she wanted some money and he didn't have it to give, and she said he was a pretty fellow to be strapped on the third day after marriage. One word brought on another, and they had a fight which left both looking as if they had fallen through a sidewalk grating.

The "Wasserguild" is the name of a new secret temperance order, with a national organization, which is being started at Washington. It purposes through legislation by Congress to increase the tariff on liquors to such an extent as to discourage retail traffic, and restrict the sale to hotels and drug stores. Each State is to have a Grand Guild, with subordinate branches in every county, and the Supreme Guild will be at Washington.

Mrs. ANNA GOSS, of Amherst, N. H., celebrated her one hundred and fourth birthday on the 1st of February. She is a strict observer of the Sabbath, and some days ago called her daughter Elizabeth and said, "Now, Elizabeth, you know that my birthday this year comes on the Lord's day; and as His days are so much better than any of my days, I want you to write to our friends not to visit us on the Sabbath, but to come Saturday."

The absence of the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne from the recent marriage ceremonies at St. Petersburg is thus explained: The Princess would not expose her husband to mortification, as etiquette forbade him a seat at the Emperor's table, and therefore she remained away. A previous experience at Berlin, where the Marquis was excluded from a state banquet because he is not of royal blood, was her motive to a noble and wifely conduct.

At Portland, Me., recently, a gentleman dropped a glove on the street; as it was an old one, he thought he would leave it and walk along. In a moment he felt the cold nose of a dog touch his hand, and looking down saw a large Newfoundland dog looking up in his face. Paying no attention he passed along, but he had not proceeded far when the dog touched him again. A third time this was repeated, when the hawker sang out: "You have lost something, and the dog wants you to go and get it." The gentleman retraced his steps, recovered his mitten, and the dog was satisfied.

A PARIS letter says the Empress Eugenie has aged sadly. There are deep lines at each side of her mouth, and her whole face looks drawn and haggard. The little that she wears seems to youthfulness from her temples seems too youthful for her worn face, but it is a relief not to see her lips set in that stiff smile, artificial as the gold of her tresses, or the roses in her bonnet, wherewith she used to greet her subjects of Paris in other days. The young prince imperial is her very image, but the slight mouche just budding on his upper lip will soon mark the present perfection of the resemblance.

FARM AND FIBRESIDE.

SOFT GINGER COOKIES.—2 cups molasses, 1 cup lard, 1 teaspoonful soda, 1 teaspoonful salt, 1 cup hot water, 1 teaspoonful ginger. Mix very soft.

CRACK PUDDING.—1 egg, 1 cup of sugar, 1 tablespoonful of melted butter, 1 cup of sweet milk, 1/2 teaspoonful of soda, 3 cups of flour. Bake half an hour or more. Eat with sweet sauce.

BOILED ONIONS.—Slice them fine (after paring), boil until tender in enough water to cover. When tender, season with butter, pepper and salt. They are better than when boiled whole.

The Agriculturist states that a very fine white vinegar may be made from the juice of the white part of watermelons. At a certain stage the fluid is bitter, but when perfected acquires a clear vinegar flavor.

LEMON CHEESE.—Dissolve an ounce of gelatine in a pint of water for an hour, add 4 ounces sugar, the rind and juice of a large lemon, and simmer over the fire till the gelatine is entirely dissolved; strain, and when nearly cold, beat into it the white of an egg thoroughly beaten. Wet the molds with water and put in them. When turned out it will look like snow. This is a grateful dish to invalids.

LAMP-SHADE.—A very pretty lampshade may be made in the following manner: Cut eight pieces, of the same proportion, from perforated cardboard; 4 by 6 inches is a good size. On each piece arrange autumn leaves and ferns tastefully, and fasten them in place with mucilage, cover with lace, and bind with narrow ribbon of bright color. When all the eight pieces are thus finished, sew them together and place the octagonal figure over the usual wire support for the lampshade. Very pleasing effects may be produced in this way at slight expense of anything but time and taste.

STARTING SWEET POTATOES.—For starting sweet potato sprouts I have used the following plan, which has the advantage of not needing a sash. I dig out a trench of fresh loose manure in the month of April. Upon the manure I spread six inches of sand or light sandy loam, and plant the potatoes in this sand. If the weather is cold I cover with marsh hay or straw during the day, but always at night, and if there is an extra cold snap with frost I spread a barn sheet or blanket over it. As soon as I am ready to plant, I furrow out the ground three feet apart, each way, drop a shovelful of manure at each end, draw four hoeful of earth over the manure, making a broad hill, and plant the sprout.—Cor. N. Y. Tribune.

MICE IN HOTBEDS.—When mice get into frames, as they often do, they produce a fearful amount of mischief in a few days, if not destroyed. This may easily be done by mixing sugar and butter or lard smoothly together, in which a little strychnine is incorporated; spread this on thin slices of bread, and cut into small cubes and distribute them among the plants, and at the same time place vessels of water in some convenient place, where they may be drunk. Or, if preferred, the phosphorus compound sold by druggists for this purpose may be used, but we have always had the best success with the first named mixture. In either case care must be taken that the children do not have access to the prepared bits of bread.

SEWAGE-GROWN CROPS.—It is certain that all kinds of crops may be grown with sewage, so that the farmer can grow such as he can best sell. Nevertheless, the staple crops must be cattle food, with occasional crops of corn; and it is also certain, from the analysis of the soil, that it has become very much richer, and that the mineral constituents of the sewage accumulate in it. Cattle should be fed on the farm, which leads to a vast increase in the production of meat and milk, the great desiderata of the population producing the sewage. Thus the system of farming must be specialized and capital concentrated, the absence of which conditions has proved a great barrier to the satisfactory practical solution of the sewage question.—Popular Science Monthly.

Use of Tobacco. Tobacco belongs to the class of narcotic and exciting substances, and has no food value. Stimulation means abstracted, not added, force. It involves the narcotic paralysis of a portion of the functions, the activity of which is essential to healthy life. It is said that tobacco soothes and cheers the weary toiler, and solaces the overworked brain. Such may be its momentary effects, but the sequel cannot be ignored. All such expedients are fallacious. When a certain amount of brain-work or hand-work has been performed, nature must have space to recuperate, and all devices for escaping from this necessity will fill. It is a bad policy to set the houses on fire to warm our hands by the blaze. Let it, then, be clearly understood that the temporary excitement produced by tobacco is gained by the destruction of vital force, and that it contains absolutely nothing which can be of use to the tissues of the body. Tobacco adds no potential strength to the human frame. It may spur a weary brain or feeble arm to undue exertions for a short time, but its work is destructive, not constructive. It cannot add one molecule to the plasm out of which our bodies are daily built up. On the contrary, it exerts upon it a most deleterious influence. It does not supply, but diminishes, vital force. It has been denied that tobacco leads to organic disease, but the evidence is very strong the other way, and it would be very remarkable if continued functional derangements did not ultimately lead to chronic derangements of the organs; that it causes functional disturbance, no one dreams of denying; indeed, it has been remarked that no habituated smoker can be said to have a day's perfect health.—Popular Science Monthly.

How to Estimate the Age of Horses. The question of arriving at a horse's age after he has passed his ninth year has been a long-mooted one, but little faith being placed in any of the laws laid down on the subject. It will be recalled that a short time since a correspondent of Turf gave as an infallible test that after the ninth year a wrinkle appeared on the upper corner of the lower lid of the eye, and that each year thereafter an additional wrinkle appears; so that a horse with four wrinkles would be thirteen years old. This, though a new wrinkle to a great many, is pronounced a failure. A correspondent in the Cleveland Herald is out with another test. He says: "In our study we have found by passing the hand from the head toward the shoulder near the bottom of the neck, that at four years there is a little ball or knob about six inches from the gullet, or jaws. At the expiration of every four years another little ball forms about three inches from the first, and so every four years a new ball or knob forming." This is quite as impractical as the other tests, for, if accepted, a horse at four years old would remain four until he got to be eight, and would remain at eight until he got to be twelve, etc.—Turf, Field and Farm.

Idleness.

Many people think that an idle life must be a pleasant one; but there are none who enjoy so little, and are such burdens to themselves, as those who have nothing to do. Those who are obliged to work all day enjoy their short periods of rest and recreation so much, that they are apt to think if their whole lives were spent in rest and recreation, it would be the most pleasant of all. But this is a sad mistake, as they would soon find out if they made a trial of the life they think so agreeable. One who is never busy can never enjoy rest; for rest implies a relief from previous labor; and if our whole time were spent in amusing ourselves, we should find it more wearisome than the hardest day's work. Recreation is only valuable as it unbends the mind, and refreshes the body. Many people leave off business and settle down to a life of enjoyment; but they generally find that they are not nearly so happy as they were before, and they are often glad to return to their old occupations to escape the misery of idleness.—Herald of Health.

DON'T TAMPER WITH A COUGH.—Perhaps in no other category of diseases to which humanity is susceptible, the cough is most neglected in its early stage. A simple cough is generally regarded as a temporary affliction—unpleasant and nothing more; but to those who have paid dearly for the most fearful of all diseases—Consumption. A cough will lead to consumption—if not checked—so sure as the rivulet leads to the river, yet it is an easy enemy to thwart, if met by the proper remedy. Allen's Lung Balsam has earned its reputation by merit alone. Sold by all druggists.

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