

THE ADVOCATE.

MEDICINE HAT'S GARDEN.

It Blossoms Like the Flowers of Spring in Canada's Ranch Country.

At nearly all the stations on the Canadian Pacific railroad through Manitoba there are large glass jars over the station entrance containing fine specimens of the various cereals raised in the country.

Further west another sort of exhibition is given at the stations. It is not necessary through Manitoba to have gardens alongside the railroad track to convince the traveler of the remarkable productiveness of the soil.

Medicine Hat contains, perhaps, 400 people. It has a weekly newspaper, a neat little church, several good stores and public buildings, and an important station of the mounted police.

Below the knoll extends the little village, with the swift river beyond, which is navigable for nearly 800 miles from this point almost to Lake Winnipeg.

The company desires to prove that by means of irrigation good crops may be raised. Its garden at the station, therefore, is carefully watered, and it is as fine a garden as can be seen anywhere, except on the Pacific coast itself.

The garden is a most pleasing spectacle to tourists, wearied perhaps by the unending prairie through which the train has been passing.

Why the Earthworm Thrives.

In this country the earthworm is perhaps the most abundant animal of any size; it would be difficult not to meet with worms by digging in almost any locality, and yet it is one of the most persecuted creatures that breathe.

The first and principal reason for this is their great fertility; and the second is their great power of recovery after accidents which would rapidly terminate the existence of more highly organized creatures.

Insects That Sing.

Several species of insects have apparatus for producing sounds similar to that of the grasshopper, or modifications of it. Of a different type is that with which the cicadas are endowed.



WHY DO YOU COUGH?

Do you know that a little cough is a dangerous thing? Are you aware that it often fastens on the lungs and far too often runs into Consumption and ends in Death?

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The Unreality of the Realists.

The discussion of the advisability of more frankness in our fiction is very familiar, and any one would be temeritous in hoping to throw any new light on it, no doubt. The paleness of the said fiction has been acknowledged on all hands, defended by some and deplored by others in most thoroughgoing fashion.

The Mosaic Flooring of the Desert.

The northern portion of the Colorado desert is paved with the most wonderful pebbles in the world, many parts so exquisitely laid as to defy successful imitation by the most skilled worker in mosaic flooring.

Why the Boys Leave the Farm.

The answer is self evident—perpetual toil in good weather all through the busy season, and perpetual loneliness in bad weather and most of the winter season. The time when the farmers have leisure is, in half the country, the very time when they cannot get away from home by reason of their isolation and bad roads; yet such is the hunger of the heart that the boys revolt against this unendurable loneliness and even now often walk miles through the rain or the snow to spend half a day in sitting around the stove in the country store.

Will the Earth's Motion Cease?

Is the motion of our earth and other planetary bodies perpetual? A superficial survey of the field would convey the impression that such motion will continue forever. The earth with its mass of 3,000,000,000,000 tons for a long time defied all attempts to detect its loss of speed, but, with the friction of the tides continually at work, it was shown that such loss must take place, and now it is pretty certain from calculations of Professor Adams and others that the earth loses about an hour every 16,000 years, and is slowly but surely coming to a standstill.

The experiments and investigations of modern scientists are proving what Sir Isaac Newton believed—that the motions of all bodies in space are suffering retardation, and that their velocity is becoming less and less and will ultimately cease altogether. Then the whole planetary system will fall through space everlasting.—St. Louis Republic.

Publication Postponed.

Wife—What are you writing? Colonel Rungood (war veteran)—A magazine article showing that General Fightwell did not win half the battles he is credited with. It's about done now. "All ready for the printer?" "Oh, I won't print it until after he is dead."—New York Weekly.

Improvements in Pulley Coverings.

Some additional improvements in the covering of pulleys are announced, by one of which, as is claimed, 50 per cent. more power can be transmitted and all slipping reduced to an imperceptible factor. In accomplishing this the primary point is the employment of a specially prepared leather covering for the pulley, which is extremely soft and elastic and never glazes by the rubbing action of the belt, as is the case when ordinary leather is employed for the purpose.

Covering iron pulleys with paper is sometimes resorted to, the method consisting in first rendering the pulley absolutely free from grease by means of sal soda, scratching the whole surface with a file, wetting with dilute nitric acid for a few minutes to deaden the scratches, then cleaning with water and drying; following this the paper is applied by winding, using the strongest glue, or it may be wetted with tannic acid and applied as above.

War Bound to Come.

We may rest assured that what weighs upon the heart of France is the inversion of authority, the lost place in the front rank of Europe, her supremacy questioned, the victor for twenty years regulating the march of events, the settlement of which till then belonged without dispute to the supreme will of France.

The Divine Love.

How beautiful has science and art shown that there is a latent divine love for man in those things which his ignorance would inevitably regard as terrible enemies! Many of the most noxious gases have been converted by human skill into the most valuable servants. See how fire, so awful, so terrible, so destructive when misunderstood or uncontrolled, conduces to the advantage of our race.

Fruit Stones Made Costly.

The stones of certain kinds of dates, like those of Rosetta and Burlos, being rather large, are carved and pierced to make beads for rosaries. The stones of a species of Canarium (often called peach stones) are beautifully and elaborately carved by the Chinese, and when set in gold or separated by gold filigree beads form exceedingly handsome brooches and bracelets. Amoy is renowned for this kind of work, and some of these beads cost a dollar each, a very large sum, when the slight remuneration in China for skilled labor and the cost of native living are borne in mind.—Chambers' Journal.

This from a young woman: "I always keep a bottle of vinegar on my toilet shelf. A teaspoonful taken as I am leaving my room to receive a caller or to go out to some social event has an excellent effect on my voice, clearing and softening it."

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