

GENERAL BREVIETIES.

A DETROIT robber gave back a wallet on learning that the owner had a large family on his hands.

The rolls of the Jacksonville (Ill.) public schools show an equal divide between the boys and girls, there being just 699 of each.

PHILADELPHIA has reduced the price of doctors' diplomas, so that fifteen dollars will now entitle any wood-chopper to a sheepskin.

ESTERN farmers may be astonished to learn that stacked between Greeley and Green City, Col., are three million tons of hay, almost worthless on account of no means of getting it to market.

A CALIFORNIA showman is wandering about the country illustrating the execution of the Modoc captives by means of puppets. The agony of the hanging is worked up in a most skillful manner.

THE Regents of the Mt. Vernon Association propose the abatement of the entrance fee to the home of George Washington, having just come to the conclusion that as a public domain it should be free.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue discloses the interesting fact that the receipts from the distillation and sale of spirituous liquors amount to more than one-half of the whole sum realized from internal revenue.

A RUSSIAN naturalist claims to have found living mammals in Siberia. He has seen five small ones, twelve feet high, eighteen feet long, and having tusks eight to ten feet in length. The brute haunts great caves, and feeds on grass, etc.

THE English courts have just decided that railway tickets marked "good for this day only" cannot be used by the purchaser on any other date. The decision is exactly the reverse of that given by our courts on the same question.

A MAINE woman ate four quarts of oysters at one sitting, the other day, and won \$100 by so doing, which, after deducting her burial expenses, eighty-five dollars, left her fifteen dollars to commence the next world with.

PETTY smuggling from Canada is brisk. A letter from Ogdensburg says that several Watertown ladies were searched at the Custom House recently on coming from Prescott, and had their goods taken away from them. Thirty-three women were searched, and all but four were trying to smuggle something over.

MEN who have charge of roads must be careful to fill up holes. Mrs. Sally Gilson, of Stoneham, Mass., who fell into one of those objectionable places and hurt herself grievously, sued the town for damages, and a few days ago beat that town of Stoneham, and won verdict of \$4,500 which amount she has received in grand cash.

LONDON temperance societies intend to petition Parliament to compel all licensed houses to supply their customers with tea and coffee when desired. It is said that it is so difficult to obtain tea and coffee at these houses that many a man takes liquor when he would prefer a less harmful beverage. What is sold as tea and coffee is often such a miserable compound that there is little inducement to drink it. The genuine articles, well prepared, would find customers everywhere, and of course have a tendency to diminish the use of intoxicating beverages.

THE Norristown (Pa.) Herald says that a man in Lower Merion wrote to the editor of a horticultural journal, and asked: "What are the most advantageous additions to dried grasses for winter ornament?" The editor replied: "Acrolinum roseum, A. alba, Gomphrena globosa, and G. globosa canina." When the Lower Merion man read this, he fairly boiled with rage, and immediately sent a note to the editor ordering his paper to be discontinued. He said that no editor who swore that way, just because he was asked a simple question, should have his support.

"We judge," says the Rochester Democrat, "that the writer of the verses beginning—

"We must not hope to be mowers,

"And to gather the ripe, gold ears;

"And watered the furrows with tears,"

is not a granger. Corn, let us inform him, is not mown, but is first plowed up and then threshed; and it is not sown, but grows wild in the unobliged forest. And, furthermore, the farmer, who should set out to water the furrows with tears, would find in due season that it couldn't be successfully done without more irrigation than the human form is capable of."

INFLUENCE OF A DREAM.—The Troy (N.Y.) Post says that the site of the State Street M. E. Church in that city was selected through the instrumentality of a dream. Dr. John Loudon, a prominent physician, who died upward of fifty years ago, was a leading member and worker of the Methodist denomination, and about the time it was proposed to erect an edifice in the vicinity of State street, the good doctor dreamed that he saw a flock of white doves alight on the lots at the corner of State and Fifth streets. The impression of the vision was so vivid that the doctor could not shake it off. He insisted that it was a good omen, and that the church should be erected on the lots above named. So strenuous was he in this that he carried his point, and the old State street sanctuary was erected, to give way in due time to the beautiful edifice now located on the site of the old brick structure.

ANSON MCILRATH, the Euclid (Ohio) giant and fox-hunter, the father of a race of tall boys and girls, had a reunion of his family at the old homestead in East Cleveland (formerly Euclid) on Thanksgiving. From the Cleveland Voice we learn that there were assembled father and mother, seven sons and four daughters; thirteen in all. The height of the old gentleman, who is now sixty-one years of age, is six feet six and a half inches. The height of the wife is five feet nine inches. Of the seven sons, four are each six feet five and a half inches, and three six feet two inches in height, while the four daughters are each five feet eleven inches in height, and the height of all combined is eighty feet three and a half inches. The oldest son is chief of police of St. Paul, and another son is a member of the Cleveland police. The father in his day has lifted 1,700 pounds of iron.

ABOUT one o'clock on the morning of Nov. 10, a large merchant vessel under full sail and on fire was seen running for Kingstown harbor in Ireland. She proved to be the Nangpore, an iron ship, from Calcutta to Liverpool, with a cargo of cotton, jute and saltpetre. She had taken fire four days before, and the crew had become so worn out in their efforts to keep down the flames that when she entered the harbor they were unable to take in sail. Both anchors were let go, but they did not catch, and she drifted among the vessels with which the harbor was crowded. She struck a heavily laden schooner, causing her to sink, while the crew saved themselves by climbing into the rigging of the Nangpore. Another schooner and a sloop were also wrecked by the burning vessel, the captain of the sloop being thrown overboard and drowned. The Nangpore finally came to opposite the Royal Irish Yacht club-house, and she was sunk by the guns of two revenue cutters after it had been found that she could not be saved.

HOME INTERESTS.

MANY farmers are seriously annoyed in the winter with chilblains. The following has been found to be an effective remedy: Bath the parts affected in strong alum water, or in a saturated solution of salt-peter. Continue the application a week or two, and it will cure.

TO COOK TRIPES.—Boil it in a good deal of water, with a handful of salt thrown in, till it is easily penetrated with a straw; drain off the water and place the tripe in an earthen dish and cover with vinegar. When cold wipe dry with a clean towel, lay it down and fry in butter. It will keep several days in the vinegar, and the last will be the best.

CRUELLES.—Two cups of sugar, one of sweet milk, two eggs, one tablespoonful of butter, a teaspoonful and a half of baking powder or a teaspoonful of cream tartar, and half that quantity of soda; flour till it is stiff as pie-crust, roll thin, cut in squares and fry. We always get all the cakes ready to fry and then sit down and fry them, otherwise the process is tedious and fatiguing. If they soak fat, mold them a little harder or work in another egg.

GRAHAM BISCUIT.—Into three cups of Graham flour and one of white rub well two teaspoonsfuls of cream of tartar and one of soda; when thoroughly mixed, add a teaspoonful of salt, and one tablespoonful of white sugar. Stir in two cupfuls of new milk, working all with a knife, and using the hands as little as possible. Roll on about half an inch in thickness, cut into squares, and bake in a quick oven. Equally good cold as hot.

DELICIOUS CITRON PUDDING.—Beat until very thick and light the yolks of sixteen fresh eggs. Stir in gradually, beating all the time, three-quarters of a pound of sugar. Then mix in three-quarters of a pound of melted butter, from which all the salt has been previously washed. Now line two deep plates with puff paste. Cut into thin slices some preserved citron, and lay closely over the pastry, leaving a margin, of course, around the edges. Fill with the batter, and bake in an oven whose heat is regular, but not too great. When from the oven, sift over them finely pulverized white sugar. They are good whether eaten hot or cold, and are considered the most dainty and delicate of all puddings.

MINCE PIES.—Take one pound of the lean of nice tender beef; boil it until thoroughly done. When cold—and there is no objection to letting it stand over a few days—grate it up, when it should furnish about one pint of mince. Add one pint of raisins seeded and chopped, one pint of sugar, brown or white, one pint of imported dried currants washed clean, one pint of finely chopped pippin apples, and the same quantity of fresh beef suet; half a pint of preserved citron cut up very small, a teaspoonful of salt, a saltspoonful of black pepper, a dessert-spoonful of mixed cinnamon, mace, cloves, and nutmeg, measured after they have been beaten up together in a mortar; a pint of wine, a pint of sweet cider, and a gill of brandy. Stir the ingredients together until well combined, and use immediately if you choose. If kept in a clean stone jar with a closely fitting cover, good mince-meat will keep until spring, only taking care, if it becomes too dry by the evaporation of the liquor, to add more wine or brandy until it is sufficiently moist. Mince pies should always be brought to table piping hot, and, of course, depend greatly for their excellence upon the pastry in which they are served. Use deep plates for baking, and allow a pint of the mince-meat to each pie.

THE BABIES.—There is little danger of dressing infants too warm. The Germans have a proverb that all winds are cold to a child. If the skin is very sensitive, a garment of delicate cambric may be worn next the body; but flannel, thick, soft, and all wool, should come next. All compression of the body and limbs should be avoided, the skirts and dresses hang from the shoulders, and never from the waist. If the baby sits upon the floor it should have spread under it on the carpet a thick woolen shawl or blanket; if it creeps or walks, its lower extremities should be warmly encased in woolen stockings and shoes. After its daily bath lay it on the floor or on a lounge, and let the direct rays of the sun fall on all its body, shielding the eyes from the excessive light. These sun baths are excellent for invalids and for well people also. The sunniest room in the house should be the family room. Open the blinds, raise the shades, put back the curtains, and let the glory and health flood all the apartment—never mind if the carpet fades; better a faded carpet than pallid faces and peevish dispositions. No sensible mother dresses a baby in low neck and short sleeves, unless she is desirous to lay it under the snow before spring; neither does she give it, that enemy of babyhood, "soothing syrup."

Improved Breeds.

It is remarkable, in view of the immense prices which improvements bring, that people do not often give attention to this branch of money-making than they often do. Take cattle for instance. Many, by aiming persistently at some great improvement, realize almost fabulous prices when they succeed. Fifteen thousand dollars in gold was recently offered for the Short Horn bull 11th Duke of Geneva by an English gentleman; and it is a matter of public notoriety that as much as \$30,000 was paid for a Short Horn cow recently. Of course no single cow would be worth this in herself, nor is it likely that any of her progeny will bring this sum; but still the prices will be high, and it is more than likely that the money paid will be realized out of her again indirectly, if not in a direct manner.

What has been done in improved "ducks and dukes" in horned cattle, can be done in many other departments of the farm. An improved fruit, vegetable, or grain, if really an improvement, will always bring a good price, and often takes very little to make the experiment. We knew a man who saved a few raspberry seeds, and of a few score of plants so raised one of them was so good that a nurseryman offered him \$1,000 for a part of the stock. He did not take the offer, thinking he could make more in another way; but it shows that this could have been had, and was very good pay for the little care, skill, time, or ground occupied by the experiment. Only a few weeks ago we saw an advertisement in a newspaper that some one had raised a new seedling grape, which he and his friends regarded as an improvement on existing kinds. He did not care to propagate and distribute it himself, but he would take six thousand dollars for the stock, and let the man who bought push it. Now it is not likely, the time and incidental expenses all told in raising a new fruit of this kind, cost more than a hundred or two, and not perhaps over four or five years have been spent in waiting for the full development of this fruit. He may not get six thousand dollars for it, but the probability is that he will, and if he gets only near this it will yet pay handsomely.

The trouble is with many people that they do not know when they have got a good thing. Any little variation, however slight, should be noted. It makes no difference whether the variation is better or worse—the fact that it has varied from the

original shows that the spirit of change is there. Then from this save seed, and in the progeny mark any change, which there will doubtless be, in any desired direction, and from these save again. In this selecting sort of way we can soon reach some improvement, which will abundantly pay for all the time and cost given to the experiment. —*Forney's Press.*

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HARD DISEASE.—Many persons suffer with heart disease without knowing it—suddenly they drop off, and their friends are astonished, on a post mortem examination, to learn that they died of heart disease. The heart, like the brain, is the seat of life—its diseases are of several characters. The most common are valvular disease, fatty degeneration, and functional derangement. If the liver becomes deranged, and digestion is impaired, the heart, through sympathy and juxtaposition, becomes abnormal. The following symptoms indicate approaching disease: palpitation, giddiness, faintness, nervous prostration, deranged digestion, vertigo, cold extremities, etc., etc., for which the old school will administer iron, opium, antimony, mercury, and many other mineral poisons. Heart disease is a blood disease—purify the blood; remove obstructions to a limp circulation by taking that *Vegan Alternative, VINEGAR BITTERS*, and you will be a sound person in two or three months.

A TERRE HAUTE man, who has a vicious scold for a wife, a few days ago, by way of a gentle correction for her conduct, ducked her in the river. But the woman made a "bee" of her oppressed sisters, and the next day the party bound the "tyrant" hand and foot, and gave him such a ducking that it took two hours of hard labor to bring him to again.

Symptoms of Catarrh.

Obstruction of nasal passages, discharge falling into throat, sometimes profuse, watery, serid, or thick and tenacious, mucous, purulent, bloody, putrid, offensive, etc. In others a dryness, weak or inflamed eyes, ringing in ears, deafness, ulcerations, scabs from ulcers, violent nasal twang, offensive breath, impaired smell and taste, etc. Few only of above symptoms likely to be present in any case at once.

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