

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Evangelical Base-Ball Club," is the name of an organization which is worrying the life out of an Ohio town. The school law is to be enforced in such a manner in Gridley, Cal., as to make boys attend school or leave the town. San Francisco Call.

Bean-bread is the chief food of the Indians in Indian Territory. It is composed of powdered beans, mixed with water, and baked over an open fire.

Bishop William Taylor says that in Africa the natives have only two suits each—dirt and paint—and that you can tell a Christian Kafir, because he wears a shirt.

Howard Barnes, poor, dissipated and sick, shot himself, in the woods near Truckee, Nevada, recently. Five years ago Barnes was one of the wealthiest gamblers, saloon-keepers and sporting men in Indianapolis. Indianapolis Journal.

John Hunsberger, of Harvey County, Kan., reports a great yield of wheat from a small quantity of seed. From one and one-half bushels of seed sowed on three acres he reaped 135 bushels, a yield of ninety bushels to each bushel of seed sown.

Climate appears to exert an important influence on the bristles of swine. In Russia they are very long and stiff, and are in consequence of great value for making brushes, and for attaching threads to for the use of shoemakers. Hogs in Spain and Northern Africa, however, are covered with curly hair instead of bristles.

A plant called the melon shrub has been introduced into California from Guatemala. It grows to the height of three feet, bears a beautiful purple and white flower, is an evergreen, and produces a melon about four inches long by two or three in diameter, of excellent taste.

Dr. Spitzka says the popular delusion that the human eye has an influence over insane people similar to that claimed for the same organ over wild animals is one that is often ridiculed by the insane themselves. He adds that whoever attempts to utilize the notion will recognize its absurdity promptly.

Some people have no use for railroads. A middle-aged white man and wife walked into Acworth, Ga., the other afternoon to do a little trading. They stated that they left Rome a little late the same morning and had walked every step of the way. They said that a fellow was no account that couldn't walk seventy-five miles a day. The man carried a gun and the woman several articles. Atlanta Constitution.

Over fifty years ago on the farm now owned by James McChesney, at Guilderland Station, N. Y., a lady by the name of Hurd put a jar of butter in the well to harden up. The jar slipped from its fastenings and fell into the water. It was grappled for, but without success. During the late drought, as Mr. McChesney was cleaning the well, he found the jar with about two pounds of butter still remaining in it in a pretty good state of preservation. The jar is of queer pattern, but was broken in getting it out of the well.

NEW YORK FROM THE BAY. How the City Looks from an Incoming Steamer's Deck. If that eminent English observer who visited America in the primitive forties could then write so beautifully of the grandeur of New York as it appeared to him when the packet on which he was a passenger emerged into a noble bay, "whose waters sparkled like nature's eyes turned up to heaven," what could he not say now of the glorious metropolis?

Then there lay stretched out before him confused heaps of buildings, with here and there only a spire or steeple looking down upon the frame and brick work below, and here and there, again, a cloud of haze, smoke, and in the foreground a forest of ship's masts, cheery with flapping sails and waving flags. Then there were ferry-boats laden with people, coaches, wagons, baskets and boxes, crossing from shore to shore, and never idle and stately among these restless "insects" were two or three large ships moving with slow majestic pace, as creatures of a prouder kind, disdainful of their puny journeys, and making for the broad sea.

How magnified now is this picture that even then was lovely! To the eye of the passenger up the bay on a bright October day first breaks through the veil of distant obscurity a broad channel, with sloping banks on either side, dotted with pleasant villas and made refreshing by turf and trees. Then looms into view that dismantled relic of the late rebellion, and its silent old yellow fortification. And then appeared the Battery, with numberless craft of sail and steam sweeping around it from the North into the East river, and from the East into the North river, and with towers innumerable and smoke impalpable making its background. Tinkling upon the ear is the rattle of cordage, the clank of capstans and the joyful singing of whistles, while above all is the roar and buzz of the traffic on the city's streets that can be distinctly heard. Old stant-roofed dwellings have been displaced by the colossal Produce Exchange, the gigantic Mills Building, the tall Field building and the solid-looking gray stone barge office, with its jaunty revenue flag affording a bit of color; and as a relief to all this aspect of commercial life are the spreading green trees with which the Battery park abounds. The great bridge stretches away in the distance, joining the two cities of New York and Brooklyn, and in the opposite direction are the big docks and elevators of the great railroad lines that bring produce to the port for distribution throughout the world.

At night the scene is doubly enhanced by the brilliancy of electric lights. From the bay nearly every building is perceptible in a steady light, and the waters of the rivers dance with the myriad of reflections. One evening, not long since, the full moon was observed rising over the bridge. It looked as big as the city hall clock, and was the color of a pumpkin. As it rose higher and higher from the horizon one of the bridge lights appeared directly in its center, looking like a huge diamond in an immense gold setting. N. Y. Herald.

PARM AND FIRESIDE.

Always iron brown linen, calicoes, cambrics and lawns on the wrong side. Carbolic soap used for scrubbing and cleaning will keep off all manner of insects. Troy Times.

By rubbing with a damp flannel dipped in the best whiting, the brown discoloration may be taken off cups in which custards have been baked.

New York Josters stand on the great bridge and make bets as to their skill in spitting tobacco juice in the faces of passengers on ferry-boats passing beneath.

Stains on tables caused by hot dishes may be removed by rubbing with lamp oil and a soft cloth, finishing with a little spirit of eau-de-cologne, rubbed dry with another cloth. Boston Globe.

Gingerbread may be varied and wonderfully improved by the addition of a cupful of grated coconut; this quantity is sufficient for a loaf of medium size. Almonds are also used in ginger cake, but unless you add flavoring of bitter almonds, there will not be a distinctive almond flavor. Albany Times.

An Ohio pork packer has learned by experimenting that a bushel of raw corn, fed on the cob, will produce nine pounds of pork, while an equal quantity ground and the meal fed raw, will yield twelve pounds. A bushel of corn boiled-made thirteen and a half pounds of pork, and a bushel of meal cooked made about sixteen and a half pounds.

A recipe for getting rid of pests from houses, stables and stock-sheds will be useful. Suspend in the place pieces of tow, sponge, cotton-waste, or any other absorbent material, saturate with carbolic acid and keep it moist. The scent, which is very wholesome, will drive flies away. Common carbolic acid, which is very cheap by the gallon, will do for the purpose. Chicago Journal.

Cows which receive every day at morning, noon, and night an ordinary water-pailful of water slightly warmed and slightly salted, in which bran has been stirred at the rate of one quart to two gallons of water, will give 25 per cent. more milk immediately, under the effects of this drink, and she will become so attached to it as to refuse to drink clear water unless very thirsty. But this mess she will take at any time and wish for more. Chicago Tribune.

Potato fritters are very nice for supper, and are made in these proportions: Three large potatoes and three eggs, two tablespoonfuls of cream; boil the potatoes and beat them until they are light; beat the eggs very light and mix them with the potatoes, and add salt to your taste; beat the cream in last, mould the potatoes into round balls, sift the flour over them and fry until brown in hot lard; drain them on a napkin before serving. Boston Globe.

Fruit pudding: Fill a pudding dish with slices of bread, buttered, spread each slice with raisins or any kind of canned fruit; beat two eggs with four tablespoonfuls of sugar; add milk enough to fill the pudding dish, set into the oven and bake. When done remove from oven and spread jelly over top. Have ready the whites of two eggs beaten to a froth; add three or four tablespoonfuls of sugar, spread over top of the jelly; set into the oven and let come to a light brown. Boston Budget.

PRUNING. A Branch of Farm Industry Which Should be Conducted with Great Care and Judgment. Before us lies an inquiry about pruning, and the letter conveys the idea that there is about so much pruning to be done every year whether or no. Let us say with all possible emphasis that there never should be any pruning done unless there is a definite object in view. Never prune for fun. Never prune as people take spring medicine, because the regulation time has come to do it. Often we see orchards and vines that are shamefully neglected by the pruner. But we are almost inclined to say that as we often see those that are pruned to death. Every year the ax and saw and pruning knife are brought out, and the bushy commences. Hedges, which are the subject of the present inquiry, ought to be judiciously trimmed, and if there is a determination not to do the work with judgment it would, perhaps, be as safe a rule as any to lay down, to say: prune, prune, prune; prune all you wish to, even if you ruin the hedge, for if you do not prune at all, especially the evergreen hedges, they will be ruined anyhow. All of us have seen such hedges grown up into homely trees almost, two or three feet next the ground being anything but ornamental. Such hedges need careful attention, and if we would have them beautiful we must train them.

Pruning of a tree or shrub is for the purpose of directing its growth from one part to another, in order to obtain a symmetrical growth. We prune to renew the vigor of the plant, a point which those who are inexperienced have difficulty in comprehending. They can not understand why the cutting away of a portion, will give vigor to the balance. Let us try to explain it. The upper buds of a this year's stem will push forward and make strong shoots next year, and lower buds will grow weaker shoots, and perhaps some of the lower ones will not start at all. The upper buds, always being the strongest, draw the nourishment and starve the lower ones. Now, if before the buds start the upper ones are cut off, leaving only a few of the lower ones, these will get the nourishment, and if it is a fruit bearing plant, the fruit will be much larger than if the process had not been performed. Now the pruner first wants to know what he wishes to accomplish. If there is nothing to accomplish there is no pruning to be done, even though the pruner may think that there are well settled rules for pruning at a certain season. If there is a purpose, then the judgment must be used, as to how and when to do it. No rules can be laid down to direct the operations in all its details. And except to say that the operation should be performed when the sap is not running in the early spring, our correspondent will need no further instruction about trimming his hedges. Western Rural.

RAISING RYE.

A Cereal Which Has Few Equals and No Superiors as a Renovator of the Soil. There are many reasons why we should raise more rye than we do. As a renovator of soils it has few equals and no superiors, not even excepting clover. A good crop of rye can often be grown where clover can not get a hold. This is especially the case upon light, sandy soil. I have seen many dry, sandy knolls, where clover had repeatedly failed to "catch," seeded with rye, and produce a fairly good crop. Two or three crops of this plowed under green will pave the way for other crops, or make valuable pasturage of these otherwise waste places. Rye can be harvested and taken off from these same soils for several seasons in succession without seeming to deteriorate at all in quality or quantity. However, I do not think it pays to raise rye as a market crop, even if the land were uninjured thereby, for the yield and price received will not generally warrant such a course. But I am positive that as a renovator of partially "run out" lands, it is unsurpassed. Were I a scientist I might explain how the rye draws more from the atmosphere than many other plants, taking but a small share of those properties or constituents of plant food from the soil, and perhaps reaching down below the unutilized surface soil for a large part of the little needed. But, as I am not a scientist, I will simply state that in my observation and experience rye does seem to possess the qualities above alluded to. Where the amount of manure produced is insufficient for the demands of the acres under cultivation, recourse to the plan of green manuring must be had. Otherwise I do not think the practice an economical one.

One system of farming will not answer for all sections of our country. Some are blessed with fertile soils, good markets and fine climate, while in other sections nature has not been so lavish in her gifts, and the cultivators of the soil find it a constant and hard struggle to keep the fertility necessary to produce the scant crops from which they must eke out a subsistence. The inhabitants must labor under all the disadvantages incident to such a country—remote markets and bad facilities for reaching the same. They must resort to many expedients not sanctioned by their more fortunate brothers of the agricultural profession. To that class does this article more particularly apply. And to them I would say, raise more rye. Make it a prominent feature in the system of rotation. Let it precede every crop of corn; not to be taken off as a ripened crop, but ploughed under as a fertilizer or fed down by stock. It will flourish where other grains would fail. Wet or dry, rough or smooth, sown early or sown late, it will usually bring forth a fair crop.

In some localities rye is a fairly paying crop to raise for the market. The straw usually brings a good price, and the grain itself is often quoted as high as wheat. If the same care and preparation were given to the rye crop that is given to wheat, there would be very little difference in the yields and profits. Were the difference, as is claimed, in favor of the wheat, it would be fully offset by the difference in the drafts of the land. Let us have more rye upon our light soils. Ohio Farmer.

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When a ship weighs anchor she probably has steel yards to do it with. A PROVISIONAL request—"Gimme something to eat."—Marathon Independent. A Boston firm advertises "shoes for elephants." They don't squeak.—Boston Globe.

It is not the honest card-player who always wins by a good deal. Some of the man who chose an unlucky lottery ticket. Put his little choose away.—Washington Hatcher. THERE is a hot feature of winter which presents itself very forcibly to the small boy who carries in the coal.—Oil City Derrick.

A GOOD fisherman, ought to make a successful politician, because he is skillful at debate. The exultant exclamation of the chiropractor: "I came, I saw, I cured." WOMEN may not be deep thinkers, but they are generally clothes observers.—Texas Siftings.

The base ball teacher has gone into retirement to grow a new crop of fingers.—Boston Transcript. AWKWARD idiot—"Your train is quite long, Miss Lucy." "Miss Lucy—" "It will not be so long if you take two feet off it."—Chicago Tribune.

What kind of flower is that?—asked the city lady of the gardener.—"That kind is Chrysanthemum."—Northtown Herald. Is what suit does a man never feel comfortable?—In a law-suit. The raisin in a boarding house pudding is an oasis in the desert.—Merchant Traveler.

A MAN isn't necessarily related to a hen because he lays brick.—St. Paul Herald. It is enough to take away your breath to hear of a California onion weighing nearly two pounds.—Boston Courier.

A. M. VAUGHAN, Editor of the "Greenwich Review," Greenwich, O., writes: "Last January I met with a severe accident. I used almost every kind of salve for salving the wounds, which turned to running sores, but found nothing to do me any good till I was recommended HENRY'S CARBOLIC SALVE. I was completely well at the end of two months in the market." The blood girl is out of fashion, and the day of brunettes has come again. Those who bleached before many as well prepare to dye now.

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