

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

The railways of the world carry over 40,000,000 passengers weekly. Lenchock and Humboldt both say that a single pound of the finest spider webs would reach around the world. The annual value of the human hair exported from China is said to be about \$500,000. It is taken from the heads of paupers, criminals and the dead. It is a strange fact that the right hand, which is more sensible to the touch than the left, is less sensible than the latter to the effect of the heat and cold. Official estimates of the world's raw sugar product for this year are as follows: Beet, 4,960,000 tons; cane, 2,655,000 tons. Stock on hand, 1,150,000 tons; total, 8,765,000 tons. Estimated consumption for ensuing year, 7,350,000 tons. It takes each year 200,000 acres of forest to supply cross ties for the railroads of the United States. It takes 15,000,000 ties to supply the demand, for which the contractors get an average of 35 cents apiece, making in the aggregate \$5,250,000. The British empire owns about one-sixth of the total railway construction of the world. It is about 70 years since the first railway in the world was completed. Since then 400,000 miles of railway track have been laid, an evidence indeed of a very rapid advancement. The world contains at least four mountains composed of almost solid iron ore. One is the iron mountain of Missouri, another in Mexico, another in India, and a fourth in that region of Africa explored by Stanley, and there have been reports of such a mountain existing in Siberia.

RUSSIAN WOMEN.

Not Long Ago They Were Treated as Turkish Women Are. It is curious to think what a short time it is since the emperors of Russia treated their womankind in the same way they are still treated in Turkey. In those days the czar chose his wife from among his subjects and she was never considered his equal. The matter was arranged in this way: On a certain day the nobles brought their young daughters to be looked at, and she who took the emperor's fancy was forthwith chosen to be his wife. The princesses were kept with the same strictness as eastern princesses, and marriage only changed their place of residence, but gave them no more freedom. They were allowed occasionally to be present when guests were received, to whom they would hand a cup of wine and then retire to their apartments, there being a suite of rooms at the north side of the palace reserved especially for them. If they were ill the room was darkened before the doctor was admitted, and he was not even allowed to feel their pulse, and when they drove out the windows of their carriages had drawn curtains. The first czarina who emancipated herself from this state of slavery, and so instituted a new and happier era for Russian women, was the beautiful Nathalie Naryshkine, the second wife of Alexis Michailovitch and the mother of Peter the Great, and her triumph was when she obtained her husband's consent to drive with him in an open carriage to the monastery of Troitzsky, a proceeding which at the time occasioned a great scandal. Naturally, when the Russian princes began to intermarry with other European royal families they were obliged to treat their wives differently, but it was a long time before the court of Russia became as civilized as the rest of Europe.—Montreal Star.

TRYING TO BE FUNNY.

Almost Every Man Has His Pet Joke, Usually Silly. "Did you ever stop to think," said the licensed misanthrope, "what a lot of fools men are?" Without waiting for a reply—the licensed misanthrope never waits for a reply—he continued: "The dreary imbecility resulting from the American national disease of trying to be funny is something awful to contemplate. Now, I met a man this morning—a man with large interests in the city, an operator in real estate, a banker and a prominent citizen. He shouted out to myself and my companion: 'Well, you're a nice pair to draw to,' and I doubt if he has seen two of his acquaintances together in 15 years without springing that poor, pale, shrinking jest. "There's another man who has a big mercantile business down the street who never meets a friend without asking: 'How does your constitutionality saginate?' He's considered a man of intelligence, too, and yet he's been chirping that bit of idiocy at everybody he knows for ten years. "Then there's the head of a big manufacturing firm in the south end, a man of wide culture, a man of the world, who ought to have some sense, who was so delighted with his discovery of 'Nit' a few years ago that he regards it as a brilliant witicism in itself, and never loses an opportunity to inject it into his conversation with an air that amounts to a demand for recognition of his wit. "And so it goes. Nine out of every ten men you meet have some pet phrase like that, which has ceased to mean anything, if it ever did, and which they fire at the heads of all with whom they come in contact. Dr. Nordau has defined this affliction as echolalia, I believe, but the proper designation for it wouldn't look well in print."—Chicago Journal.

Abolishing the Knout.

Czar Nicholas is determined that the law abolishing the knout in his dominions should be observed. A magistrate who recently sentenced a citizen to receive 50 strokes has been dismissed from his post, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor. —N. Y. Sun.

FARMER AND PLANTER.

SWINE GROWING.

Conditions in the North and in the South Differ. [A paper read before Mississippi Stock Breeders' Association, by E. P. Coleman.] Without any preliminary introduction, I shall proceed at once to the theme of this paper: I assert that we can not raise swine in competition against the north, on lines laid down by the hog growers of the north. This discussion is from the standpoint that the final end of the hog is the pork house, so its references are not directly applicable to the breeder, who performs a function distinct from that of the pork grower. The person who attempts to follow in toto the idea of the northern swine grower and apply it to the conditions that exist in our section will find that his pork would be like Horace Greeley's potatoes, cost more than it could be sold for. In the north the hog is a necessary auxiliary to the corn grower. It converts so many pounds of corn into so many pounds of pork—that is almost the entire function performed. It is used for no other purpose and expected to accomplish no other. Do we want to feed corn to our hogs? Certainly not. Will a bushel of 40 cent Mississippi corn make any more pork than a bushel of 11 cent Iowa corn? It is true the young pigs sometimes get milk and sometimes clover to push them along to early maturity. But how different are our environments, and I repeat it, the hog performs an entirely different mission in the great corn-growing northwest and the southern grower who attempts to follow him will fail. Well, why fail? This brings us to the gist of the whole matter. Have we not conditions, however different, quite as strong in opportunity if we only avail ourselves of them? There is no country that furnishes a more continuous and varied assortment of foods, its cheapness only excelled by its abundance. And greater than all of these the hog can be his own feeder. By intelligent rotation nine months out of twelve our swine can glean their own food. This saves more than half the expense. This is our archimedean lever, and we have the fulcrum, too. Can we not feed Irish potatoes in spring? Their food value is one-half that of corn. Will swine eat them uncooked? Yes, especially if balanced with a small ration of corn. Wheat is ripe in May and while we can not produce as much as the plains of Kansas and Minnesota, we get the winter pasture for young pigs and raise over half as much grain, with a nominal cost to harvest, and with hogs, our land is in a more productive condition for corn or cow peas. Oats can follow two weeks later under like conditions. I have fed antelopes largely in July, making from 5,000 to 6,000 per acre. Their food value is unknown to me, but they contain a large per cent. of saccharine matter. In August we strike our staple hog food, cow peas and corn supplemented by sorghum and sweet potatoes for dessert. Remember the text, let the hog gather everything. As to pastures, you can have them all the year round. I mean green food, not a few "sand-papery" corn stalks and dry sedge grass; but real live, green pastures. Now you will ask, how are we going to do all this? Prepare for hogs or let the business alone, that is what is the matter now. Many go into improved swine raising in a two-acre lot of mud, and the balance have no lot at all, but go on the old style "root pig or die" principle. Let us borrow the improved stock from the north, but nothing else. Let us work our own destiny and develop and utilize the incomparable advantages we possess. I for one believe this fair land of ours is the fairest and most blessed the sun shines on, and if we only use what a kind Providence has given us we can meet competition from any source.—Rural World.

TWO CLASSES OF FARMERS.

The One Does Business at a Profit and Disaster Overtakes the Other. There are two classes of farmers today, tilling or attempting to till the fields of America. One is progressive; he takes a sufficient number of live newspapers and farming journals to keep posted as to what is going on in the world. If India or China or any other foreign country is threatened with a wheat or corn famine he knows it as soon as anyone else, and can form his own judgment without having to rely on the word of dishonest grain speculators, as to whether 'twould be better to sell at once, or hold for higher prices. If there's a promising new cereal or seed potato discovered, he knows all about it and procures a trial package. He believes in and practices intensive farming; that is, his acres are not many, but his cultivation is thorough; his yields so great that his neighbors talk of his wonderful good luck! "Luck" forsooth! It's nothing more nor less than good management. The progressive farmer is so busy with head and hands, planning his "good times," that he has no time to join in the general calamity howl of "hard times." He knows nothing of the hard fare of city life, with all the vegetables he can see, abundance of milk, cream, good sweet butter, and fresh eggs, now and then a beef, sheep, or porker, of his own raising, and with chickens and turkeys galore, his table is as it should be, loaded down with good things. His good wife would hardly know how to prepare a meal with the poor materials procurable in the city—stale butter, stale eggs, and milk that is merely an emulsion, showing plainly that if the milkman seems to water his milk, he does sometimes rinse the pail. Add to this poor baking powder, flour or meal; and meat the cut of which depends upon the varying humor of the butcher; and there you have the rich resources from which the city and often the village house-wife must furnish her table. Only those who have prepared and partaken of the food from the two

different tables realize the wonderful difference.

The progressive farmer has a good garden, and if he resides near a market is always on the lookout for earliest varieties of fruits and vegetables in order to get a good price for his product. The old saying: "The early bird catches the worm," is no less true than that "the early gardener commands the market."

The poultry yard, too, has proper attention, and neither it nor the garden are left entirely to the care of the "women folks." The care of from one to five hundred hens is quite as laborious as feeding stock, but the income is greater. As the despised silver dollars flow into the hands of the progressive farmer as the result of well-applied energies, it proves conclusively that diversified, intensive farming pays.

But how about the other kind of farmer, the slow-going ne'er-do-well, who is no more fit to run a farm than a circus? He can perhaps sit on his name—to a mortgage on the old farm, to buy machinery, or build a new house; but he could not tell if his life depended upon it, how he was going to lift that mortgage. He takes no paper, but plods ahead from morning till night in his own peculiar way, using his brawn altogether and not his brain. From disuse it soon becomes deadened and benumbed, and he becomes simply a working machine.

In many cases, his wife is by far the better manager—could better run the farm, but this kind of a man's head is always well developed in one spot—the bump of self-esteem. He knows it all, and is too jealous of his manly prerogative to listen to any suggestions from his wife. He plants the same ground to the same kind of corn he has planted since he began farming. So many acres of cotton, or whatever else the neighbors plant. The garden is run by the "woman" if she can attend to it, if not there is none; and the half dozen or dozen hens must roost in the trees the year round, and lay in the fence corners.

The wife may have pleaded for better accommodations for the chickens. She is generally shrewd enough to see there is money in poultry when properly managed. But it is seldom that her husband will give her any assistance in that direction. As the result of these "little leaks" the money lender takes the farm, and they must go forth from the home wherein both have toiled so hard—the result of misapplied energies.

Farming is a science for which everyone is not fitted by nature. One must combine brains with brawn, be a good manager as well as worker, to make a success at farming. People are coming now and more to a full understanding of this fact, and the time is even now approaching when young men and women will no more think of engaging in the pursuit of farming, unless they have a special "bent" that way, and prepare themselves thoroughly for it, than they would think of attempting to operate a railroad. Disaster will surely result in the one case as in the other.—Mary Hungerford Cook, in Rural World.

FERTILITY OF THE SOIL.

If Natural Laws were Observed Fertility Would Increase with Cultivation.

E. S. Teagarden, of Iowa, in speaking of the wearing out of the soil by cropping says that if natural laws were observed the cultivation and crops would increase the soil. He refers to the natural growth of timber for his reasons. If the depletion of soil in the growth of timber were the results, all timber growth must come to an end; but in the case of timber growth there is constantly increasing demand for fertility to supply the increasing growth from year to year; for who will dispute the fact that a large tree increases in the production of wood each season to a greater extent than a small one. It then follows that an increased amount of fertility is supplied each season, and this fact proves beyond doubt that nature has supplied inexhaustible source of fertility. The shade of the forest tends to preserve moisture, and this is the all-important condition of the soil necessary to promote growth. The roots penetrate the earth in all directions to great depths, preserve a mellow condition of soil, and these two conditions are the essentials of plant growth and they invariably promote growth to the greatest possible extent. Mellowness and moisture of the soil being preserved in their timber growth, as has been seen, the results are that continued and increased growth from year to year over the preceding year and receiving as they do a greatly increased amount of fertility, demonstrate clearly that the same conditions in all agricultural work will produce constantly increasing yields of crops with an increasing fertility of soils.

An occasional subsoil plowing opens up the soil and subsoil so that the moisture of falling rains and melting snows, where they prevail, will be absorbed and carried down into the earth, where it is stored for the formation of growth when wanted, when it is brought to the surface to be used by the roots of the growing plants. Prepare the soil then to quickly absorb all moisture before it has time for evaporation, and the moisture, transforming the elements of plant food into forms available, is taken up by the roots of plants, and so growth is promoted to the fullest extent. The action of the air—which is an inexhaustible storehouse of fertility—upon the earth in the conservation and transformation of fertility is growth favored by the supply of conditions favorable to such action. It has been proven that the ground is capable of producing very large yields of crops through the stimulating influence of large prizes for the largest yield of crops. There have been produced from a single acre 355 bushels of shelled corn, 1,000 bushels of potatoes, and other crops, in proportion. It is, therefore, clearly demonstrated that by good cultivation one-half the lands now in cultivation are capable of producing as much as is now obtained from the whole.—Farm and Ranch.

NERVOUSNESS THAT CAUSED LOSS OF SLEEP.

From the Democrat, Monroe City, Mo. Miss Zoe Megown is a daughter of ex-Alderman Megown, of Monroe City, Mo., where she was born and raised. Her history was that of a majority of noble women. She married Wm. Sicles, a prosperous farmer of the place. Just before the birth of her first child her trouble began. She found her blood was seriously out of order. This was soon followed by nervousness that caused a continual loss of sleep. She consulted a physician and he prescribed for her, but instead of being benefited she gradually grew worse. In a short time she began to grow weak and had a continual heavy, depressed sensation at the stomach from which she could not find relief. Fortunately for her a neighbor called and during their conversation recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People so highly that after talking the matter over Mrs. Sicles bought two boxes from the drug store. She took them according to directions. In a short time her color returned and the system was toned up to its normal condition. Best of all, however, she could sleep every night. To-day she is well, with a strong, healthy little boy by her side. The above is correct in every respect as may be learned by writing Mrs. Sicles direct, or Dr. O. Wood, druggist, of Monroe City, informed your correspondent that he has sold large quantities of Pink Pills for Pale People and that the call for them is constantly increasing and that many families keep a supply on hand all the time and would not be without them. Also that among his large number of customers, he has yet to find one who has not used Pink Pills for Pale People that was not benefited.

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A Cincinnati Joke.—"Why is Tugly like the Ohio river?" "Don't know. Why is he?" "Because he's always getting in on the ground floor."—Chicago Record.

MARCH AND APRIL

Are the Most Disagreeable Months of the Year in the North.

In the South, they are the pleasantest and most agreeable. The trees and shrubs put forth their buds and flowers; early vegetables and fruits are ready for eating, and in fact all nature seems to have awakened from its winter sleep. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company reaches the Garden Spots of the South, and will on the first and third Tuesdays of March and April sell round-trip tickets to all principal points in Tennessee, Alabama, and West Florida, at about half rates. Write for advertising matter and particulars of excursions to C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or Geo. B. Horner, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo.

JOHNIE CHAFFIN.—"Come, Mamie, let us play 'Dum and Eve.'" "Mamie—" "How will we play it?" "You tempt me with an apple and I'll eat it."—Texas Sifter.

The Fruits and Follies of the Age Are numerous, but of the latter none is more ridiculous than the promiscuous and random use of laxative pills and other drastic cathartics. These wrench, convulse and irritate the stomach and bowels. If weakened both the stomach and bowels, the result is accomplished without pain and with great benefit to the bowels, the stomach and the liver. Use this remedy when constipation manifests itself, and thereby prevent it from becoming chronic.

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Law is not the remedy for this condition, she needs medical treatment, her uterine system is at fault. My advice to you is, sit down and write a letter to that friend of women, Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., state fully and freely the whole case to her and she will honestly advise you what to do. Give your wife that chance, good man!

If you do not wish to write about your wife, bring her a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, watch its effects, you will soon see the beginning of the improvement; then get her another and keep it up until she is restored to you, the same lovely woman you married years ago.

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