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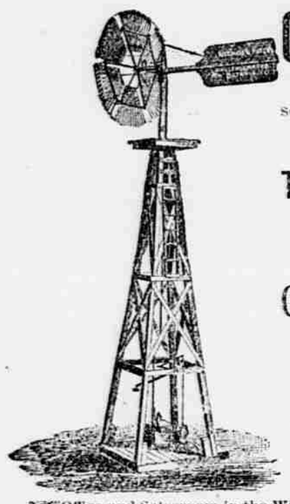

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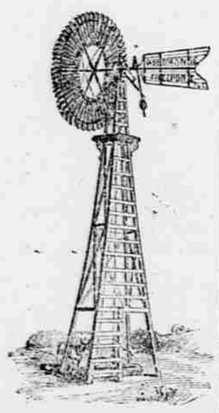

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Bearded Warriors.

[St. James' Gazette.]

A proposal is on foot to permit the wearing of beards in the French army. Should the coveted permission be accorded, it will not be the first time that Gallic warriors have been bearded like the pard. Napoleon allowed his picked men to wear as much hair on their faces as they chose; but, since his armies were usually a mixture of veterans and raw recruits the ranks must have presented a somewhat piebald appearance. During the revolution it was decreed that the grenadiers only should have the privilege of wearing a mustache; but no notice was ever taken of the regulation.

In his earlier days, when he was constantly fighting in Flanders or on the Rhine, the grand monarque allowed his mustache to grow; but when he fell under the influence of Mme. de Maintenon, and frivolity was severely banished from the court, the king and his counselors and courtiers became as shaven and shorn as the deathless priest of the nursery rhyme. Henri I was glorious in beard and mustache, but the mustache—which has always had something more romantic about it than the prosaic beard—was never really fashionable in France until the time of Louis XII and Francis I, whose warriors gained a penchant for it during their Italian campaigns.

American Industrial Genius.

["Gath" in Cincinnati Enquirer.]

I reflected upon the adaptability of such discoveries as this for the particular civilization and people among whom they are made. The Americans by their very quickness to form corporations seize upon these bounties of nature and utilize them over enormous areas. Coal oil in the hands of an unenterprising race would still be a mere local curiosity, but with a particular genius for combinations—financial, mechanical and commercial—the Americans have made coal oil an article of almost universal export; have compelled railroads to take it in as a standard matter of freight and to build tank-cars, etc.

They have also devised reservoirs, refineries, barrel factories, etc., to bring this article within the reach of the many millions of the earth, and, finally, have laid the longest line of tube ever known on the globe to transport this oil over the 400 intervening miles, crossing the mountain ranges and driven from step to step by stationary engines. Thus the oil which used to rise as scum on the creeks and springs is now a mighty traveler flowing in its viscid channels whither man commands it, and it reaches the sea-board and finds fleets of vessels all prepared to take it away.

National Emblem of the Welsh.

[Chambers' Journal.]

The little kingdom of Wales, early united to her more powerful neighbor of England, has a distinctive badge drawn from the vegetable world. The origin of the Welsh leek is traced back to the seventh century. St. David's Day, 640, the Welsh under Cadwaller were marching against an English army, and, wishing to adopt badges which might distinguish them from their enemies, they availed themselves of those most easily obtained. Each man plucked a leek from the field through which he was passing and stuck it in his cap.

The Welsh arms were victorious; the leek was adopted in grateful memory of the event as the national emblem, and was long worn by loyal Welshmen every anniversary of St. David's Day. In Shakespeare's play of "Henry V." that prince claims the right by his birth at Monmouth to wear the leek. It would appear also that the Welsh contingent of the English army had worn this emblem at the battle of Poitiers. We recollect that a leek in diamonds occupied a prominent place in a present given by the ladies of the principality of Wales to the princess of Wales on the occasion of her marriage.

A Drawback to Mexican Prosperity.

[Mexican Times.]

One of the greatest drawbacks to Mexican prosperity is the difficulty of breaking up the great haciendas, or landed estates. Out of 10,000,000 people 50,000 own the soil, and this fact is a great obstacle to the introduction of settlers and the springing up of those communities which in the United States flourish along every land-grant railroad and other railroads. The difficulty of conveying real estate is a dead weight on the life and progress of the country.

The Mexican financier, who is doing good missionary work, contrasts with this state of things the condition of Uruguay, which by encouraging immigration and settlement upon lands has nearly doubled its population within ten years, having received large accessions from Italy. Uruguay annually produces 40 per cent. more per capita than any other country in South America.

Vegetating Caterpillars.

[New York and Cor. Iron Age.]

But by far the most curious vegetable growth here is the awhato. It is a species of fungus which enters the grub of the large night butterfly, kills the unfortunate worm by living on its flesh, and entirely displaces its proper interior without at all altering its outer form or covering. The stalk grows twelve or sixteen inches high, and when pulled up, with the caterpillar at its root, it looks like a small cat-tail upside down. In this form they are known to tourists as "vegetating caterpillars." The natives dig them up in quantities and formerly regarded them as sacred. They burned and pulverized them, mixed the powder with soot and dog's fat, and used the compound as an indelible dye in tattooing.

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[American Bookseller.]

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The McCook Tribune.

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Atwood Democrat: J. P. Mathes is building three miles of wire fence. When he gets done he will have one of the finest pastures in this part of the state.

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Hayes Centre News: Wm. Black had the misfortune to loose 9 head of cattle which died very suddenly one day last week. The state veterinary surgeon has been sent for to determine the cause. * * A. J. Cornish of the law firm of Cornish & Tibbets, Lincoln, made us a call this week, accompanied by Mr. Jacob Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins is an applicant for the receivership of the McCook Land Office, and considers his chances good.

Teachers' Reading Circle.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Teachers' Association at Indianola, Saturday, Dec. 12th, Supt. Nettleton called a convention of the teachers for the purpose of organizing a Red Willow County Teachers' Reading Circle. The following persons were chosen to constitute the Board of Control: President, Prin. C. M. Charles, Indianola; Secretary, Miss Alice Murphy, McCook; Treasurer, Miss Ruth Raine, Indianola; Rev. W. S. Wheeler, McCook; Supt. C. L. Nettleton, McCook. The County Circle is auxiliary to the State Teachers' Reading Circle. Any teacher may become a member of the circle upon agreeing to complete the course of study prepared by the State Board of Control, and upon paying a membership fee of fifty cents. The course of study for the first year's reading consists of Page's Theory and Practice of Teaching, Barnes' General History, to page 312, and Bessey's Essentials of Botany. Books will be furnished to members at reduced rates by the Board of Control. Persons wishing to become members should apply to the secretary. ALICE M. MURPHY, Secretary.

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