

REPARATION to raise a large means be done the fall before if pessi- even stand is to be secured. By blockble. Weed seeds will sprout and be ing up the planter so that the wheels killed by frost. Insects that are hiber- are clear of the ground and running nating in the ground will meet the through a pailful or so of each grade same fate. Frost is one of the farm- of corn plates can be selected that will er's best friends in many ways. The drop the desired number of kernels effect of freezing on the exposed plow- ninety-five times out of a hundred. ing is to crumble it more thoroughly. These plates should be put with their than could be done by half a dozen particular grade of corn in readiness diskings. If the land is clover sod, as | for planting time, it should be if the highest yield is to be expected, the freezing will break up the sod hetter than can be done in any other way. In some cases, however, where there is considerable late fall. growth that is available for fall and winter pasture, it is better to let the plowing go until spring, even if it does make a little more work getting it in shape

### Gathering Seed Corn.

the winter. The plan of going through most farms this is too much of an undertaking. A better way is to go out and husk a load as soon as it is fairly well ripened and before any very hard frosts come. If this is picked from the best part of the field there ought to be at least three or four bushels of good seed ears in it. These can be sorted out and the remainder spread over the bottom of the crib or fed to the hogs.

Half a dozen such loads will usually furnish all the seed needed. It is a good plan to save about twice as much seed as will be required, so that solection can be more rigid in the spring. If there are no very severe freezes before husking begins in earnest some more seed corn can be saved by putting a box on the side of the wagon, in which the best cars may be thrown. A better quality of seed may be obtained

in this way because of a wider range of selection. It is not safe to depend on it entirely, however, because a hard and the growth of the young corn freeze when the corn is full of moisture may kill the germs and make it worth- plowing will cut up the stalks and less for seed. The first thing to do provide a fine layer which will fall with newly gathered seed is to hang | into the bottom of the furrow and help

you have a complete pecord of the vitality of each ear. Those in which one or more of the kernels failed to germinate should be discarded. Those that show weak germination should be put in a plie by themselves. If there is enough seed without them they should not be used at all. If there is not enough of the strong seed the other will have to be used. By putting it on the warmest, driest soil it will make a fairly good growth.

### Grading the Seed.

After the corn has been tested it should be run through a seed corn grader. This will remove the irregular butt and tip kernels and divide the rest into several grades, according to size. If the coru is well graded in this way an edge drop planter will give the work. best results. For kernels of different

crop of corn should begin in the sizes, however, the full hill drop is fall of the previous year. Plow- preferable. The calibration of the ing for the crop should by all planter is an important polat if au

### Preparing the Soil.

With graded seed of high germinatlag power and a planter property callarated a good stand is almost certain lier's. The next step is to prepare the soil to receive the seed. In sections where there is any dauger of drought it pays to run over the fall plowing with a harrow early in the spring. This crumbles the surface and checks evaporation. It also encourages the weeds to Even more important than fall plow- start, only to be killed by the disk ing is the selection of seed corn early later. As soon as possible after the in the fall and storing it carefully for small grain is in the disk should be set to work on the corn ground. If the field early and picking the seed in there is time it pays to double disk, as a sack is sometimes advocated, but on the soll is left in smoother and finer condition. After disking the ground should be incrowed occasionally until nlanting time;

In many cases corn follows corn, and the plowing must be done in the spring Spring plowing should not be



### FIG. VI-CORN HUSKING TIME.

very deep, as it makes a loose layer of dirt into which the moisture cannot readily rise from the subsoll. As a consequence the furrow slice dries out, plant is checked. A disking before it up where it can dry out quickly; to restore capillarity. In soils that are at the house for a part of the day, An open shed is the best place for liable to bake, each day's plowing handed his wife, who was going down this, as the air can circulate readily, should be harrowed before leaving the town, a quarter of a dollar and rewhile the roof keeps off the frost. A field at night. A little work at this quested her to get him three cigars good way to hang the corn is to tie time will prevent the formation of for it. clods and save ten times as much trouble trying to pulverize them later Three or four additional harrowings will usually put the spring plowing into first class shape for planting. It is better to check than to drill when growing corn for grain, as it instead of three. Isn't that going can be kept cleaner, with a resulting some? larger yield. For fodder or silage drilled corn gives more tons of dry matter per acre and is more easily handled by the corn binder. In some Blizzard. of the states west of the Missouri river, where the soll is light and rain-The number of kernels to use per the corn is sorted a few ears should hill depends upon the richness of the ing had not been given of the impendbe taken from a number of ears in dif- soil. On the average corn belt soils ing danger by abnormal atmospheric three kernels per hill will give the best conditions, it is true. There had been ed. A fold of moist flannel between results. Very rich soils can support no electrical tension in the air. But a two dinner plates makes a good tester. four, while on poor soils two are general distemperature, says the cor-Put the corn between the layers of enough. It pays both in looks and in respondent of the Paris Temps, "recloth and set it in some out of the case of cultivating to drive straight acted on susceptible organizations." way place in the living room. In three while planting and to take pains to All through the day and night before or four days it will be ready to exam- have the rows check straight crosswise.

#### BRIEF LOCAL HAPPENINGS before. When the kernels germinate BUILDINGS TELL THEIR STORY.

Unwittingly They Reveal Secrets of the Hearts of Those Who Comstructed Them,

The observer of buildings may read with case many a secret of the builder's heart, whether it be pride, ambi- ring & Co. tion, hypocrisy or solid worth. The apartment building that is "built to sell" is casier to read than some structures which are the expression of composite thought. There is a good exterior appearance, halls heavy with "style," with tiled floors, marble

walls, and massive schudellers. But inside the apartments, on every hand, there are evidences of a conscious ordinary standards of good carpenter

How unwittingly does the builder rear this projection of his inmost character! Would it restrain him to know that others regarded his work ns an open confession of the very things he would prefer to hide? It might not change his character, but it could cause him to make such a building as he would like to be thought of as corresponding to in character. If this method of interpreting builders were to be popularized it might raise the standards of the industry. Our contribution to this end would be a proverb, to pass current wherever buildings are contemplated: "A building is a confession in stone."-Col-

### Bulls Without Horns.

In his "Irish Life and Character" Michael Macdonagh has a choice collection of bulls. He called on a hairdresser in Kingstown. As he was leaving the man tried to induce him to buy a bottle of hair wash. "What sort of stuff is it?" he asked. "Oh. it's grand stuff," the man replied. 'li's a sort of multum in parvo-the less you take of it the better."

A few days later the writer was walking with a friend over the Wickow mountains, where they met a 'character."

"Well, Mick," said my friend. "I've heard some queer stories about your loings lately," "Och, don't believe thim, surr," replied Mick. "Sure, half the lifes tould about me by the nay bors isn't true.'

The following notice Mr. Macdonagh saw posted in a pleasure boat on the Suir:

"The chairs in the cabinet are for ladies. Gentlemen are requested not near West Kirby, Cheshire, Eng. It to make use of them till the ladies is in bonor of the great St. Bernard are seated."

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### A Woman's Bargain.

An Oil City man who was detained

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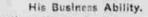
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In the Adirondacks lives a man too lazy to work, but evidently of great business ability. Cne winter, when he was sitting around smoking, his family come so near starving that some of his neighbors, who could ill afford to help him, took up a collection and bought for the suffering family a barrel of flour, a barrol of purk and a load of wood. They were not could rate chouch to cat the wood, on the business man knew how to manuze. He hired some of his neighbors who had not contributed to his denation to cut the wood, and paid them with half of the pork and half the flour.--Lippinedt's.

### How the "Toast" Originated.

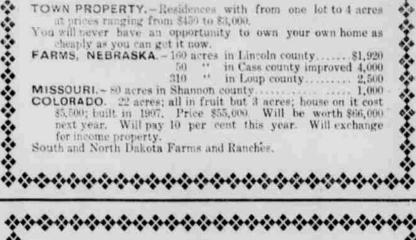
The drinking to one's health is a very old custom, dating way down the ages, in the sixteenth and seventeenth contunics the favorite drinks were suck, canary, claret, sherry-to which were added honey, sugar, singer and other spices. On the top of this mixture a piece of tonsted bread was always floared. It was supposed to give the accessary flavor. Hence the Idea of crinking a "teast." The word a used in reference to any sentiment proper d for a speech at a social inthéring or bangact. In fact, the meldur of "toaste" is a very graceful wit, worthy of cultivation.

### Built to the Memory of a Dog.

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a number of ears on a long binding twine. After the corn is well dried out and before extremely cold weather comes it should be put in the storage room. The attic is a good place, provided there is some provision for ventilation. If the corn is dry some freezing will not hurt it, but cold and moisture together are very injurious.

### Selecting and Testing.

Along in February the corn should be sorted, picking out only those ears of fair size, well filled at the butts and tips and symmetrically shaped through fall scanty, listing gives the best reout. Further instructions for selecting sults. corn will be given in article 6. After ferent parts of the seed room and test-

-SEED EARS ARE PLENTIPUL.

ine. If all the kernels show strong sprouts try a second test. If this gives the same result the vitality of the seed may be taken for granted. If some of the kernels fail to germinate and others have weak sprouts the individual car test should be used.

For this select a box of any convenient size and put into it three or states, has been greatly simplified four inches of moist sand or sawdust, since the two row cultivator came into On this place a strip of muslin which use. With the perfect working corn has been marked into inch squares. planters now in the market the rows Lay down as many ears in a row on of corn may be made so straight that the floor as there are squares in the the two row cultivator can be used box. Take four to six kernels from without difficulty. This has brought parts, and place them in a square cor- has added largely to the yield in many responding to the number of the ent parts of the country. Before the comfrom which they came. Cover the ing of the double row cultivator there kernels with three or four layers of was danger that much of the land of moist cloth and with some more of the western portion of the belt would the shwdust or sand and set away as become too weedy for corn culture.

### Cultivation.

As many harrowings as possible should be given the corn between planting time and the time it comes up. If heavy rains have packed the soil or if it is badly infested with weeds it will pay to follow the planter marks with the cultivator before harrowing.

As soon as the rows can be followed the cultivator should be started. If any deep cultivation is to be given it should be the first two times over, be fore the soll is filled with corn roots After the corn is six or eight inches high some form of surface cultivator that will not disturb the soil to a depth of more than two or three inches should be used. In the western part of the corn belt, where the fields are large, the two row cultivator is becoming popular. If the corn is very straight both ways these cultivators work well after the first time over and enable one man to handle at least balf as much more land,

The problem of cultivating a cornfield several hundred acres in extent. such as is found in many of the great corn growing regions of the prairie

each ear, selecting them from different about a facility of cultivation which

When she returned she handed him the package, remarking exultantly; "That shows that women can beat men all hollow when it comes to masing purchases. I found a place where I could get eight for a quarter

And the poor man, as he took his medicine, merely remarked; "It certainly is, dear."-Oil City

### Messina Was Warned.

Signs of the approach of this catastrophe had not been obscure. Warnthe nervous were peculiarly wrought up. There was a half hour interval on the eve of the original shock when the birds, the dogs and the cattle evinced intense agitation. Horses neighed loudly at their stalls. The fluid. Sick kidneys send out a thin, howling of the dogs was noticed aboard the ships at anchor .- Current Literature.

### But Not So Often.

Bink-Why is history like a writer of comic operas? Gink-Why?

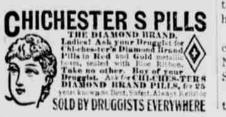
Bink-History repeats itself.

### The Ill-Natured Man. The ill-natured man, though but of

equal parts with the good-natured man, gives himself a larger field tc expatiate in. He exposes those fail ings in human nature which the other would cast a wail over; laughs at vices which the other either excuses or conceals; falls indifferently upor friends or enemies; exposes the person who has obliged him; and, in much annoyance. I had been unable short, sticks at nothing that may es to find a remedy that would being me tablish his character of a wit,

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