Rat-Hunting Snakes. Some months ago a gentleman from Dumfries paid a visit to a friend of his in but to the township of Beverly, a Mr. Henry, and ions. remained with him several days. During remained with him several days. During I never knew a lazy man yet but what this visit the Dumfries gentleman com- thought he was the hardest-working man plained that his house was diterally filled | in all his neighborhood. Mr. Henry, who is as ingenious as he is vice will travel over as much ground to fond of sport, declared that he would battle the rats out of his friend's cellar in less than no time, to use his own expression. The next day the two gentlemen drove to take weakness for goodness. on the beauties of hand-car true gentlemen's house in Dumfries. Mr. Everybody is anxious to lend the man erally.—Fargo (D. T.) Times. Henry took with him a common quartergross match-box pierced with a few holes, thing. which he placed carefully under the seat of the buggy. The Dumfries gantleman, who suspects everybody.

feeling that his friend was going to give The most critical people to suit are him a surprise, probably with some improvement on a ferret, asked no questions, the better to enjoy the surprise when it did come. Arrived at the house, they had as misers do their money. dinner, and, after the ladies had retired, Mr. Henry placed the box on the table and removed the lid. In an instant from the box leaped a full-grown gartersnake, measuring three feet and a half in length. The reptile, which was highly excited with the heat, reared itself almost on the extremity of its tail and glided about the table with remarkable rapidity, licking its ghastly jaws with its forked and nimble tongue. The Dumfries gentleman shrank back into the corner almost petrified with borror. Mr. Henry showed how silly this was by taking the snake upon his arm and handling it much as a hack-driver would his whip-lash. His fears were finally overcome and when he had composed himself he led his friend into the cellar, where the snake was set at liberty. The reptile immediately darted for the wall, and the next moment discovered a hole, into which it glided with the greatest ease. An interested terrier stood at their heels, and both gentlemen held clubs, which were trumps just about then. The snake had not disappeared over a minute before half a dozen rats bounced out of the hole and met a terrible fate at the hands of their enemies outside. But the snake was not satisfied; it discovered every rat-hole in the cellar, and glided in and out among the rocks where even a rat could not have gone. It was finally taken up and placed in the box, after twenty rats and almost as many mice had been killed. The snake belongs to a black-garter family, which are in reality the best friends the farmer has got. They live exclusively on fieldmice, worms, flies and other vermin, and if they occasionally swallow a frog or dine on a couple of young ground-birds, or accidentally glide across the path of a human being, their lives should be preserved, as their good qualities counterbalance these defects. The one possessed by Mr. Henry was captured by him last summer in a pea-field, and since he has had it no rats are to be seen or heard of in the neighborhood of his house. The reptile is kept in a box, as before stated, and is fed upon liver. Next summer Mr. Henry intends to capture all the snakes he possibly can, alive, and train them up for the benefit of his neighbors.—Hamilton (Ont.)

Spectator. The Sorrows of "Mourning.

Writing of reforms in mourning, a ontributor to the Home Journal says: the poor creature racked in every nerve with mental anguish, we forbid out | getting cheated. door exercise or the distraction of society or of mental amusements. By society we to not mean balls and parties. The listen mourner that would cease such amusements would be the being least in need of care or attention. We would designate by that term only the companionship of the congenial few. Next, we enjoin upon her, no matter how heavy the tax upon a slender purse may be, a complete discarding of her wardrobe. We bid her busy her distracted brain with plisses and folds, with crape and bombazine. Over the eyes, half-blinded with long vigils and burning tears, we hang a thick fold of illodored and almost impenetrable crape. What matter it her eyes be irreparably injured? To go without that veil would be to argue disrespect to the beloved dead. And when we have made her surroundings as gloomy as possible we enjoin up-on her to busy her brain with a thousand trivial details of the etiquette of mourning. Having thus done all that is possible to aggravate the evils of her condition, we-that is Fashion and Etiquette-may leave her to herself to wear away her woe as best she may, in a house deprived of air and light, stifled in ill-smelling, dusky garments and shut out from everything that could bring to the distracted brain one moment's relief from one all-corroding thought. "If I could only go to the opera," once said a lady who was nearly driven mad by the loss of a favorite child, "I might perhaps stop thinking for a moment." If she had done so her long years of maternal tenderness, her weeks of patient watching by the sufferer's bed, her paling cheek and whitening hair censorious world, and she would have common sense as any nation on the face gard to this cruel and absurd custom of minute. "We were practicing for tabmourning? Why is it that our social leaux." laws prescribe a degree of woe and weariness to the mourner unknown to any other | Potter. and a blinding crape veil? Will the was Smith. You know that we are going common sense of American women never | to have tableaux this evening."

Cost of the Dress of a Fashionable this house.

come to the rescue?

Sala tells a story about a young Frenchman who, being engaged to a beautiful creature, happened to get a glimpse in time of her laundry bill. In horror and amazement he made a rapid calculation To support her and her linens it would be necessary to commit forgery. So he broke I'll do it again."
off the match in despair. This sounds extravagant enough, and yet here is the bill of items, turnished by one who knows all about the necessary out it of a genteel lady of the period: Four silk dresses— Two cashmere dresses—

One ve vet dress— One evening dress— One dinner dress-

Boots and slippers, one dozen... Gloves, two boxes. Sunshades. One lace sunshade.....

If to this total of over \$5,000 we add jewelry, toilet articles, etc., we shall have at a moderate estimate \$10,000 for what a fashionable woman calls absolute neces-

card have made the mails an easy mode of. asking and answering questions, and so it comes to pass that any man of moderate notoriety has the pleasure of being questioned by post daily. Anxious inquirers should know that it is not the thing to ask a question by postal-card, because in that case you cannot send a stamp for the reply, and it is not decent to make a man pay even a cent on your account. The proper way is to write a letter and place it in an envelope together with a postal-card di-rected to yourself, or a stamped envelope so addressed; then the person of whom you ask a favor will have the least possible trouble in sending you the answer you request. This is not a small matter, and the disregard of the directions is a grave of-

Josh Billings' Philosophy.

Wise men ask advice, not to follow it but to compare it with their own opin-

with rats and mice. He had tried every The man who expects to get through device to get rid of them and all had failed. this world by following other people's ad-

You can't whip the fraid out of a boy. It is very natural and very easy to missomething who don't want to borrow any-

It is a safe plan to watch the man close those who board at the almshouses.

There are a great many real good people living just now who hoard their virtues Bad luck makes a fool mad and a coward more fraid, but it makes the wise man more thoughtful and determined. Good advice is scarce, and those whohave the most of it to spare are the last ones to part with it. A brilliant blunder is ofttimes the best

hit that a man can make. Temperance and exercise are the best brand of pills in the market. There seems to be this difference between cheerfulness and mirth: the mercurv of the cheerful man always stands at about seventy in the shade, while the mirthful man's goes up to ninety, and then at times sinks down to zero.

Contentment has been praised more and racticed less than any other condition of

Those people who are hunting for ghosts are generally the only ones who as from principle.

There is many a man possessed of enough to make him perfectly happy, if he only knew it. To be wise we have got to learn something and forget something every day.

We seldom see a person who can't adise some one else to do a thing better than they can do it themselves. The true way to bring a child up is to make them love virtue from choice, not from fear; whatever a child does from

fear he will cease to do the first good chance he can get. Everyone thinks their burden is the Silence is one of the cheapest and strongest arguments I know of. There ain't a more unsafe place than

trying to hide behind a lie. I never knew poverty to ruin a young Experience teaches us one thing more certainly than any other, and that is how little we know. The man who will sit still and let you

oity him will sit still and let you abuse Everyone has some private sorrow of their own which: hey think can't be beat. but they would hardly be able to swop it off with any of their neighbors without them at least with great care, and to off with any of their neighbors without transport them from place to

but he may learn much if he will only It is often quite as fatal for a man to have too poor an opinion of himself as to have too great a one. The great art is not to know how to make money but to know how to use it

after it is made. There are but very few rich men who ever rise superior to their fortune.—N.

The Surprise Party at Potter's.

Some of Mr. and Mrs. Potter's friends happened to remember that last Wednesday was the tenth anniversary of their wedding, and they determined to get up a surprise party and call at Potter's house. So everybody purchased a little present of some kind to take along, and Mrs. Potter's aunt got a beautiful illuminated sign inclosed in a walnut frame and bearing the inscription, "Heaven Bless Our Happy Home," and Mr. Potter's uncle got another one with the legend, "True Love Never Dies." And when the provisions were all ready the party started for the house. They wanted to surprise the happy couple as much as possible, so they oncluded not to ring the door-bell. But Mrs. Potter's aunt softly opened the front door, and assembled the party in the entry. Then, at a given signal, they opened the sitting-room door, and burst in with a

loud laugh. The scene that met their eyes was a very interesting one. Mr. Potter was would have been set down as naught by a lying upon the floor with his nose bleeding, and Mrs. Potter was leaning over been dubbed the most heartless of moth-ers; and yet one would almost as soon which she had evidently been hammerthink of refusing a criminal on the rack a | ing the husband of her bosom. Both of draught of water as denying to such a them looked hot and mad. When the poor, tortured soul any distraction that it company came in Mrs. Potter hid the craved. But the laws of tashion and eti- rolling-pin in the skirts of her dress, and quette were infrangible. And why is it Potter picked himself up with a sickly athat the Americans, who possess as much | tempt at a smile hovering about his face. "Good joke, wasn't it?" said Potter, of the globe, seem to have so little in re- with that smile growing sicklier every

" No, we weren't, either," snapped Mrs. people? What necessary commection is | "Why, my love," he replied, "we certhere between a breaking heart and much tainly were. You were impersonating bombazine, a pair of tear-blinded eyes | Pocahontas saving the life of Smith, and I

"No, I don't know it, either. We ain't going to have any such foolery in " My darling, how changeable you are! Now you must have them. I want the

folks to see you as Pocahontas. Won't she make a charming Pocahontas-now "You know I banged you with this rolling-pin because you gave me impudence. Now that's the whole truth. And

'No, you won't," said Potter. "Yes, I will." "I'd like to see von." "You would, hey? You think I daresn't because these people are sticking themselves in here where they're not wanted.

Then Mrs. Potter uplifted her weapon and made a dash at him, whereupon Mr. \$1,800 Potter walked as rapidly as he could, consistently with dignity, out through the door into the yard. Then the company concluded to adjourn. Mrs. Potter went into Jones' and stuck "Heaven Bless Our Happy Homes" into the stove, and Mr. Potter's uncle split up "True Love Never Dies," with the ax, in disgust; and Mr. and Mrs. Potter celebrated their anniversary in their own way by themselves. It will be very surprising if anybody ever undertakes to get up another surprise party in our village.—Max Adeler,

A Long Railroad Trip by Wind-

150 in N. Y. Weekly.

Power. The cheapness of postage and the postal-card have made the mails an easy mode of asking and answering questions, and so it comes to pass that any man of moderate notoriety has the pleasure of being questioned by post daily. Anxious inquirers should know that it is not the thing to ask a question by postal-card, because in that case you cannot send a stamp for the reply, and must be done, and, after getting permission to take the car, they bade adieu to the good people of Bismarck and started on their journey with full stomachs and light hearts, happy with the thought that in three days they would bring up at Headquarters Hotel, Fargo, a distance of 200 miles, where they could rest a day before scating themselves in the comfortable coaches of the Northern Pacific, and be comigrated to Australia some ten years coaches of the Northern Pacific, and be emigrated to Australia some ten years disregard of the directions is a grave of the seem against propriety.—N. Y. Observer.

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proved to have a better supply of wind than they did themselves, and they bowled along at a speed that sometimes made our streets drawing a peculiarly fashioned at Bismarck of the time of their arrival, dusky sibyls as to their future. The and the quick trip excited general astonmen of the band employ themselves in

Modern Explosives.

THE fearful explosion of dynamite, and consequent loss of life, at Bremer Haven, will remind many of a similar disaster which took place at Aspinwall some nine years since. The dynamite on the pier at Bremer Haven, it is said, was in the pertime in this country. There were about seventy cases of the stuff in the hold of the ship, which had been transported from Hamburg to Hull, England, and thence to Liverpool by rail. It will never be the compound had been heightened by To supply a man's necessities takes but ittle, but to feed his desires takes an emwharf property and buildings were wrecked. Great indignation was exwhich it was carrried it completely de- not otherwise be attended to. The thouceived the very people who should have sands of small homes in the suburbs of Mankind are as often good from interest been made aware of the dangerous properties of the cargo which they were obliged to handle. This shipment was designed and abound in crevices and draughts, and for San Francisco, and, by a curious one of the first things to be attended to as that city at about the same time. Tidings these inconveniences in the best possible a post, which, after the first or second coincidence, a similar disaster occurred in York almost simultaneously. An express in the spaces around the ill-fitting doors ficulty; but being once driven up to the of the two great explosions reached New in course of business, a case containing several packages of nitro-glycerine, the outer wooden covering of which was saturated with the perilous stuff leaking from the inside cases. Nobody called for it, and some man was instructed to open it. in order to see what the contents might be. The first blow of his mallet caused an explosion which killed eight or ten people, wrecked the warehouse, wounded many persons, and destroyed property to the value of \$200,000. Both these disasters occurred when the

manufacture of nitro-glycerine was yet new, and while the art of packing safely was comparatively unknown. Of the various serious accidents which have happened from a careless use of this exim. He who has never been in a tight spot, and got out of it without any help, has independent of the spot of the and got out of it without any help, has missed one of the great luxuries of life.

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Gen, N. J., in 1807, was most notation. It is instance a laborer attempted to dry a strips of newspapers or brown paper can doctors and drug-stores, care, suffering posed private was N. P. Banks, and this incident is related simply to show that out incurring any such awful penalties of A man can't learn much by talking, ignorance as those which followed its ignorant disposition less than ten years ago. Bremer Haven, was the result of Alfred Noble's experiments to discover a form in which nitro-glycerine might be safely and properties of such explosives as the lessness." "wood gunpowder" Schultze, and of the compressed gun-cotton of Abel, intro- lieve that the demon, kerosene, is re- the crack which admitted dust and a kidney disease, another dyspepsia, and still be closed so another impurity of the blood. Now the

> its hidden forces. power. This is simply pulverized silex, substitute for the silex is a deposit of inish sugar. If carelessly prepared, the nitro-glycerine settles, or collects in drops, and is, of course, dangerously explosive. Of each of these compounds it may be said, as of fire, that "it is a good servant but a bad master." Railroad building and all enterprises requiring blasting, tunneling or excavation have been vastly cheapened by the introduction of these tremendous explosives. It was estimated at one time that the Hoosac Tunnel would require less than one-half the time and noney to finish it by using nitro-glycerine than any ordinary process would involve. In blasting, the bore-holes may be smaller and further apart with nitro-glycerine or dynamite than with gunpowder. Although an explosion with these modern compounds is extraordinarily sudden, the mass to be detached is not thrown out with the violence of a gunpowder blast, but is shattered and fissured with much projection. The increased volume of an exploded charge of nitro-glycerine, or dynamite, is large compared with gunpowder, being about thirteen times larger than that of powder. There have been many so-called "perfectly safe" explosive preparations, of which dynamite and dualine are the newest. It is evident that, like the non-explosive burning fluids peddled about the country, these are not to be rusted implicitly. Several mysterious and disastrous explosions have occurred from them, that at Bremer Haven, so far as we know, being one in which no watchfulness on the part of the shipping agents could guard. There is no such thing as a safe explosive. The most nearly safe, under certain conditions, not clearly understood, may be insidiously, by the

A Strange Story of a Gypsy King.

At the beginning of the present century there lived in Devonshire, England, a noble family of ancient lineage named certain traits of character which caused his father great anxiety, manifesting such a desire for a vagabond life that measures

from the hard work of "pumping," and perhaps twenty, and living in tents, in the gave them leisure to view the objects of veins of whose body flows not only the interest along the route. Old Boreas blue blood of one of England's noble their hair stand on end, making the distance from Bismarck to Fargo in seven- of our citizens in search of knives or teen and a half hours—an average of near-ly twelve miles an hour. Mr. Walker, holidays the tents are thronged with the the operator here, informed the operator youth of both sexes eagerly consulting the ishment among those who are posted various itinerant trades about town, and on the beauties of hand-car traveling genhave thus accumulated money enough to purchase the lot of land on which they live, and intend soon to erect a building for their better accommodation .- Oakland (Cal.) News.

Making Home Comfortable.

THERE are many little things that can be had at a trifling expense which will render every home more comfortable and sonal baggage of a passenger. The nitro-glycerine which exploded on board the still they require some amount of patience steamship European, at Aspinwall, in and energy to accomplish them. But 1866, was invoiced as "oil." Its power- they will amply repay the labor and exful properties were quite unknown at that pense, not merely in the palpable comfort bestowed by them, but also in the occu pation of the mind, filling up those odd moments which are so often dawdled listlessly away or spent in idle gossip; and also affording that constant round of useknown whether the explosive quality of ful employment which tends to promote cheerfulness, and thus materially increases partial decomposition in the tropical heat the health of the body. It is remarkable of that low latitude, or whether the care- how expert a lady can become in the use less handling by the laborers in the of hammer and nails, as well as in the vessel's hold brought about the disaster. plying of the needle and thread, if she will only make the attempt and persevere

pressed against the shippers who had dis- cost but little, and will enable her to do guised their consignment in order to in. many useful things in carpentering and sure its transportation. In the shape in upholstering about the house that would our large cities, and also throughout the country, are usually very slightly built, autumn changes into winter is to remedy way. To close up draughts one must fill | blow, may be drawn out with a little difcompany in San Francisco had received, and windows. For this purpose strips of head the pincers cannot take hold to quantities, are the most desirable. Pro- destruction of the wood. prove a great protection against draughts | into April, and cabbage will come out al- in a tone that meant "for such as you," and their consequences-cold feet and a most as nice as when put in .- Western at the same time indicating a rear corner. bad cough

Kerosene-How to Use.

Indeed, the article of commerce known as hundred dollars lost by fire, not more making each button of proper length to mouth, with foul breath, a feeling like a load dynamite, which caused the explosion at than 20 per cent. can be said to have been press the said of the sash outward when all-gone sensation at the pit of the stomach after eating, with a faint, the press the said of the latter is the said of the latt handled. Nobel, a Swedish chemist at casioned by incendiarism and design and length to crowd the stiles of the sash flushes, sour eructations from the stomach, Hamburg, after studying the composition the remaining 50 per cent. by sheer care- outward against the outer stop of the eyes tinged with yellow, blood thick and

duced nitroleum, or trinitine, to the world on a large scale. It was not until 1865 sponsible. It is used in almost every current of cold air will be closed so another impurity of the blood. Now the house where gas is not convenient or atthat it became well known in the arts, and the series of shocking disasters which tollowed its introduction brought it at once many accidents, but that there are so few. lower end of each sash .- Cor. Prairie nto great disfavor; those who saw its People keep it in jugs, bottles and ricketty Farmer. immense value as an explosive dreaded cans, in all sorts of dangerous places, where an inadvertent tip may cause an It was then proposed to diffuse the ex. explosion. They kindle fires with it, fill plosive fluid in sand, or chemical sub- their lamps at night or over the stove, and stances, by which means the explosive generally use it as if it was as safe as force would be divided and any latent tallow, instead of being, as it really is, heat would be conducted off; another only less dangerous than nitro-glycerine plan was to mix the oil with wood- and gunpowder. Familiarity has bred naphtha, which would form a non-explo- contempt for its dangerous qualities. A ive compound, the naphtha being easily person of ordinary discretion could not drawn off when the nitroleum is required be induced to blow into the muzzle for use. None of these expedients were of a gun to ascertain if it is loaded. found practicable, and the latest result of Certainly no timid woman could be all experiments was dynamite, or giant prevailed upon to do so, yet she will cheerfully blow down the chimney of a kerosaturated with nitro glycerine. A cheap sene lamp, at the imminent risk of her own life and that of her family. The fusorial earth, found in some parts of Ger. practice is not only immediately dangermany, and which answers every purpose ous to life, but the fumes given off by the of the artificially-prepared material. The protruding wick fill the room and house saturated mass looks like a damp, gray- with a gas of highly deleterious quality. Where keroseae is used these precautions are indispensable: Use lamps with chimneys-the taller the better. Always keep a supply on hand, in case of breakage. Fill and clean the lamps in the morning. Keep the body of the lamp nearly full of candle-wick. Trim off all the charred portion of the wick. On retiring set the lamp where there is a draft, out of the room, and turn down the wick until the charred part, which is slightly enlarged, fills the tube, and so prevents evaporation. Avoid always, if possible, carrying lamps from one portion of the house to another while lighted. "So may your days be long in the land."-Rural New Yorker.

The Farmer's Troubles.

MR. HARRIS, in his "Walks and Talks" in the December Agriculturist, says:
Half our troubles are imaginary. The remedy for these is hope; and the remedy for the other half is work. Work will give us hope, and hope makes labor easy. What will not a little extra work do for our comfort, and the comfort of our families? One-half hour's extra work a day would make all the difference between a dispirited household and a home of comfort. Let a poor, discouraged man try it. Brooding over our troubles does no good. It will pay no debts Work will make a creditor wait. And let me say right here, that I do not think farmers, as a class, or their families, are given to extravagance in dress or in their style of living. Just now the tendency is all the other. now the tendency is all the other way. They are spending less than usual. And operation of the laws of chemistry, transformed into uncontrollable elements.—N. And it is our duty and our interest to see

by an entirely new system of laws. Heretotore justice has been administered there to be called the "Egyptian code," founded upon the French laws, or, perhaps, more strictly speaking, upon the civil law.

-Mr. Spurgeon is a great orator, and this is a wise, though pointed, suggestion which he has lately thrown out for the regalement of pulpit speakers: "More-over, brethren, avoid the use of the nose as an organ of speech, for the best au-

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To TAKE mildew from linen, mix soft-soap with starch powdered, half the quantity of salt and a piece of lemon, and lay it on both sides with a paint-brush; let it be in the open air.

flour, one pint of milk, two eggs; bake in cups not quite half full. Put in the oven when you sit down to dinner, and they will be ready for dessert. Serve with cream and sugar or maple sirup. N. EVINGER tells the Prairie Farmer

boys that the way to get into a pair of tight boots is to place a piece of writingpaper on the inside of the back of the boot-leg, letting it extend to the top and lapping it over a little, so that the paper will not slip down.

came a dashing Second Lieutenant, evilisting, such as the tailors have in great draw it out-it can only be done by the dently new to his straps, and throwing cure a basketful of them and nail them | To keep cabbage through the winter, with tin tacks all around the part of the pack in saw-dust in the barn and allow Walking directly to the seat occupied by door that closes into the doorway. If it the whole to freeze, the saw-dust being the man in the old overcoat the sexton is possible to take the door off the hinges | such a non-conductor of heat, once frozen | tapped the intruder on the shoulder and nail them on its under side, and they will through, it will not thaw out until well said, "There are seats there for you,"

After the listing is nailed nail a piece | If the wood-pile is not yet at the com- and without the slightest embarrassment of scarlet, twilled binding all around the mand of the housewife no time should be retired to the part of the church to which door where it opens and over the hinges. lost in getting it together. Have the wood he had been so unceremoniously condoor where it opens and over the hinges. Fasten this also on the listing around the windows, but not so as to close up all of them permanently, for fresh air is an essential ingredient to our comfort, even if sential ingredient to our comfort, even if this expectation of the private them would be all incomplete them. Have the wood all sawed of proper length and split ready signed. The seat he vacated was occupied by the gallant Lieutenant, resplendent in the glory of brand-new trappings. The private found his new quarters much appropriately and the private formula to the private formula the private the mercury does fall below the all-im things with which to furnish the wood- more comfortable than the place he had plosive, that by which eight men were portant cipher. The street and area doors shed. Bank up the house well, thus sav. vacated, and because of the nearness to

> loose window-sashes from rattling un-pleasantly when the wind blows is to make four one-sided buttons of wood A CONTEMPORARY says that, "of every nailed to the casings of the window, when rising up suddenly, a bad taste in the window-frame, the sash will not only be stagnant, with costive bowels, and all at-For no small share of the latter we be-held so firmly that it cannot rattle, but the case and calls it liver complaint, another

Curing and Keeping Pork.

Although we cannot class the products of the hog as food quite as high in the scale as we do beet and poultry, vet if

Shakers as to effectually remove all of these distressing symptoms. Sold by A. J. White \$19 Pearl street, N. Y. Agents wanted. hogs are judiciously fed and the pork, hams, sausages and lard are all well prepared and thoroughly cured, they make a | observations of the temperature of the valuable addition to the family stores, earth suggests that the apparatus which especially of those who live at an incon- is used in Germany should be better venient distance from a retail market or a known in this country, in order that, butcher's stall. Pork, unlike beef, can be when practicable, it may be introduced kept for a long time in strong brine with- here. The following is a description of out growing over-salt and unwholesome. it as used by observers in Hungary: In Some housekeepers are always having its general outlines it does not differ from trouble with their pork barrel. The that recommended by Lamont. It conbrine scums over, becomes tainted, and sists principally of a rectangular tube soon the pork is spoiled, or it gets oily buried permanently in the earth, within and "rusty," and anything but palatable; | which five rectangular prisms of wood while others are successful in keeping are placed, one above the other, at difpork nice and sweet till it is all consumed, ferent depths in the ground, and which, whether it be a longer or shorter time.

As the season is now at hand when the and quickly drawn up. Each of these majority of farmers are laying up pork and tubes contains a thermometer, and there pork products for the year, perhaps a few is a hole in the side of the main tube opwords about curing it may not come amiss. posite to the bulb of the thermometer To have pork keep well for a long time where the woodwork is cut away, and it is only necessary to have good, sweet, the opening closed by a plate of thin wholesome pork to begin with, a clean, sheet copper, whose temperature may be tight barrel, plenty of pure, clean, coarse presumed to be the same as that of the salt, and a cool place for keeping it when adjacent ground. The depths at which

To keep pork a year, first cut out most eight, twelve, sixteen and twenty feet. clean oak barrel and scatter coarse salt a days .- N. Y. Tribune. half inch deep over the bottom. Then, having cut the pork into strips of nearly uniform width, pack them on edge, with the rind next to the barrel, and follow Adams and the mother of John Quincy round till the bottom is covered by a layer Adams. This noble woman was Abigail of strips so close and solid that no single piece can rise without bringing up the of Weymouth, Mass. At the time of whole layer. Then fill all the interstices their courtship John Adams did not apwith salt, and spread it a half inch thick pear to be satisfactory to her parents. over the top of the layer; then pack another layer, and so on till the barrel is left his horse standing at the hitchingfull of the pork, all packed. Fine salt post when he visited Abigail, and denied may be used for filling the spaces between him the hospitalities of the house. Her the strips, but coarse salt is better be- oldest sister was married to a Boston merpenetrate it.

Pork should be packed so solid that it but you must choose the text." They are spending less than usual. And it is a capital time to make improvements. will remain in layers, but so loosely that quick-witted reply was: "Very well, I the brine can reach it all immediately. On choose this text: 'John came neither In periods of general depression like the the top layer place enough clean, flat stones eating nor drinking, and ye say he hath a present some people seem to think that the world is coming to an end. Be that as it may it is wise in us to continue as it may it is wise in us to continue packed it may remain a day or two because and sowing. It is a great thing as it may it is wise in us to continue plowing and sowing. It is a great thing to feed and clothe the world. We have to feed and clothe the world. We have be finished up at first. In warm weather, the sooner pork is in brine, after becomplished in the French joura good dinner, and will not want to go to ing thoroughly cool, the better, but in nals. He piles the planks in a tank and bed without supper, and to-morrow we shall want another breakfast, dinner and shall want another breakfast, dinner and Some people always make a brine to turn gradually slaked with water. Timber for gradually slaked with water. Carew. Sir Bamfield Carew, the then head of the house, had an only son, the heir to his large estates. This son was carefully nurtured at home and thoroughly nurtured at home and thoroughly reducated in the first schools of the Kingdom—fitted and fully prepared to occupy the station fortune had designed for him. After leaving college he evinced fast. There would be a fine rumpus when him. After leaving college he evinced the world found that it had to wait six the world found that it had to wait six only about a cent a pound. If there was hours for dinner on an empty stomach.

His and skinding only about a cent a pound. If there was been prepared in this way for hammers and other tools for iron-works, and it is much undissolved salt in the old brine we Why, then, need a farmer fear? His products will never go out of fashion. Bread, and pouring off all the sediment and float-parting with any of its well-known classical to become as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with any of its well-known classical to be come as hard as oak without parting with a second control to be come as hard as oak without parting with a second control to be come as hard as oak without parting with a second control to be come as hard as oak without parting with a second control to be come as hard as oak without parting with a second control to be come as hard as oak without parting with a second control to be come as hard as oak without parting with a second control to be come as hard as oak without parting with a second control to be come as hard as oak without parting with a second control to be come as hard as oak without parting with a second control to be come as hard as oak without parting with a second control to be come as hard as oak with a second control to be control to be milk, butter, cheese, beef, mutton, pork, poultry, eggs, fruit and potatoes will be wanted every day until the end of time.

and pouring on all the sediment and hoad parting with any of his first much long-licity or toughness, and to last much long-licity or toughness. is packed. It takes some time for the salt -Tweed is no longer a grate man. that the world does not come to an end for the want of food.

—After January Egypt is to be governed by an entirely new system of laws. Here
is packed. It takes some time for the sait to dissolve, and the pork may taint before it becomes salted; but if plenty of fine salt is used between the strips and on the salt is used between the strips and on the top of the last layer there should be no risk top of the last layer there should in pouring on fresh water. It is necessary in this case that the barrel be shaken During that time he traveled, on the averaccording to the obscure laws of the Koran. By a decree of the Khedive there is to be substituted on that date what is to be called the "Egyptian code," found-SILVER did not have holes through the toes of its shoes? If you did they were protected by SHOES They never wear through at the toe. Try them.

can take up. It will not be wasted, as it can be used another year. Keep the pork under brine all the time. The atmosphere will injure salted pork in a short time. If little bits of pork no larger than peas are allowed to float on the brine they will become impure, and will injure the brine after a time. This is especially true if pork is left untouched for several weeks in warm weather. Pork keeps heat where the brine is stirred often, as this keeps all Salt-dealerree ommend to use salt enough to cover the brine. There is no need of this if the brine is agitated every week.

Hams may be kept in brine that is saturated with sa.t, but they soon become so hard and salt that they are unfit for the table. They may be kept soft by using many signifies a mere operous existence. plenty of sugar or molasses instead of salt, and by shaking the pickle two or three times a week, and by taking them sure or carclessness. Especially is this tru up and repacking them two or three

with those diseases peculiar to women Through her own imprudence and folly she is made to drag out a miserable existence In curing hams we aim to use just as a source of annoyance and anxiety to her friends, and anything but a comfort and little salt as possible and have them keep. An old rule that has served us well is to have salt erough in the pickle to just float times when she should be most prudent, and a potato. The common rules are often worthless, because they tell how much ment, are both fruitful causes of many of salt, sugar, etc., to use for 100 pounds of the maladies from which she suffers. Gradmeat. There must be brine enough to ually the bloom leaves her cheeks, her lips cover the meat, and, if the barrel is deep grow ashy white, her vivacity departs, she and the hams pack well, less brine will continually experiences a feeling of wearibe needed than if they are spread out in a presents aghostly appearance. What does shallow tub and consequently a smaller she need? Should she take some stimula quantity of salt and sugar will be needed. ing drug, which will for the time make her That housekeeper is most successful in feel better," or does her entire system de keeping meat who examines it oftenest. mand reparation? She requires something Before putting the hams into the pickle it | which not only will restore to health the dis cased organs, but will tone and invigorate is well to run a knife around the bones in the system. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescrip-tion will do this. It imparts strength to the two or three places, as this will let the pickle work on the inside where they are diseased parts, brings back the glow of most likely to taint. This precaution is health, and restores comfort where previousparticularly necessary if the hams are very ly there was only suffering. large. If the pickle is but just strong Every invalid lady should send for "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser," enough to keep the hams, they may remain in it all winter, or they may be in which over fifty pages are devoted to the taken out and packed away for summer consideration of those diseases peculiar to taken out and packed away for summer use. The best way to keep hams in warm weather, that we ever tried, is to cut them M. D., World's Dispensary, Buffalo, N. in slices ready for the pan and then pack Y. Agents wanted to self this valuable in stone jars, pouring hot lard over the work. whole after the jar is filled. This keeps flies away and prevents mold and there is will be found to possess those qualities necessary the advantage of having the mest all Puffs.-Six heaping tablespoonfuls of ready for cooking at a moment's warning. -New England Farmer.

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