



Best Investments for Farmers. Col. Francis Vinton Greene has recently delivered an address on the subject of good roads in the Butterfield practical course at Union College.

The Pinnacled Side. The question of roads in many of our agricultural communities is a question of farming at a loss or at a profit.

The Increase. We were told a few days since of a good farm that for ten years or more had given figures for a purchaser at \$10 an acre and within a month of the building of the road to Third Creek, it was sold at \$50 an acre.

EFFECT OF THE WAR ON CHINA. Natives Believe that the Japanese Will Ruin Their Country.

The Republic Francaise publishes an interview with a Chinese scholar who lives in Paris and is the author of a volume on the Parisians.

At a Deadlock. When war was declared between China and Japan a local daily sent Edward A. Murphy, the well-known Journalist, to the land of the mikado as a special correspondent.

Lent. The observance of Lent is one of the oldest customs among Christian nations.

Cheap Parrots. A parrot only costs 10 cents in some parts of South America.

tle, mild, good humored, honest, scrupulous, loyal, sympathetic and charitable. You may have read the accounts of certain cruelties and barbarities, but they belong to the laws of war, which are equally barbarous in all countries.

Ducks Nesting in Trees. "At last I have been able," writes a correspondent, "to decide by personal observation a point that has often been discussed by London naturalists.

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TALMAGE'S SERMON.

AWAKENS THE SYMPATHY OF LOVERS OF HUMANITY.

He Chooses for His Subject "Sisters of Charity," and Discourses Eloquently Upon the Rights Vouchsafed to Women and the Way They Pursue Them.

Full of Good Works. In his sermon at Beatrice, Neb., last Sunday, Rev. Dr. Talmage, who is now on his summer western tour, chose a subject that must awaken the sympathies of all lovers of humanity—viz., "Sisters of Charity."

Who is she? Am't she beautiful? and if you listen right sharply you will hear dripping down the leaky roof and rolling over the rotten stairs the angel chant that shook Bethlehem.

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in that cellar. Men will sleep, and women will watch.

Women in Charity.

Again, woman has a superlative right to take care of the poor. There are hundreds and thousands of them in all our cities. There is a kind of work that men cannot do for the poor.

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Don't Make Work.

"There are fine women in this world who seem to think that they are never really accomplishing anything unless they make hard work of it. They scorn all easy ways, characterizing them as 'slack-twisted' and 'shirky,' and take to themselves great credit for getting through an enormous amount of hard work."

Chicken Fricassee.

Cut a fine, well-cleaned chicken of three or four pounds into ten pieces; put them into a large saucepan of boiling water for three minutes; then drain in a colander and instantly plunge into cold water, letting them remain five minutes; take out the chicken, place it in a clean saucepan over the fire, cover with boiling water, add one tablespoonful of salt, two white onions and a bunch of herbs; cover and boil slowly until tender; drain off the broth and strain it.

Canned Strawberries.

To every pound of berries allow one-half pound of sugar. Put the berries in a porcelain-lined kettle, cover them with the sugar and let stand one or two hours; then add one-fourth teaspoonful of powdered alum to each quart of fruit.

Pineapple Sherbet.

Pound a pineapple till smooth; add to it half a pint of water, quarter of a pound of granulated sugar, the juice of a lemon, a good wineglassful of curacao; strain it and set on ice till nearly solid all through.

Gooseberry Ice Cream.

Stew a quart of green gooseberries with eight ounces of sugar and a very little water until they are done; rub them through a hair sieve, and mix with a quart of whipped cream and two teaspoonfuls of marshmalo.

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Onions should not be eaten after they have lain about peeled and cut, as they absorb any bad odors or infectious condition that may exist.

Cucumber peeling should never be thrown away where black beetles exist, but should be spread about near their haunts, as they eat and die.

The leaves of the bay tree make excellent flavoring for rice puddings and comfort blancmanges. They are also used with many savory dishes, are good in stewed eels, cutlets, stewed veal, sautes, etc.