comparatively little food, and that not AGRICULTURAL NEWS

THINGS PERTAINING TO THE FARM AND HOME.

Wasts Hus Been the Ruin of American Agriculture How Ice May Be Chemply Stared Ryc as a Pasture-General Agricultural Notes.

Improvident Farming.

When manne is produced man is tenstoful. Waste has been the rule in American's agriculture, says an agri Inst arre. Afterward it was given that successful milliong of a sour to see kind of hoter ranher migrants. With land free to all there treaty with her. The row has a mater cloud, sir, very" was producting of fertility and econo- and side to be considered. Milk is set I wondered what the "bail-lookging Etthe else was grown; and because there akin to supplying her calf; and some his family. was so much of it, and so few farm and authorities claim, keep in continuance However, I asked no questions, but shortness of the sensor, he would have much in England as the whole crop is | out violence, but an occasion of-to her | and trudged on after him. here, was burned to get rid of it; and -actual enjoyment. The man who As we left the station I was impressed sion of wheat area beyond the needs and is-although in an artificial way- affair in north Texas. of consumption, price was reduced and keeping alive the cow's maternal af For several weeks just preceding. profits destroyed

Now \$40,000,000, more or less, represent the oil of the seed, which was most as much more should be got from averlasting law of good care and kind of the world. feeding the cake, with incidental foods ness -Practical Farmer. to constitute a suitable ration, and costing almost nothing. In this way all the valuable elements of the seed are. returned to the soli, with additional able industry. The seed commands Moreover, the whole mass had a bub the Caucasian regions are fine soldiers. manurial value of other feeding ma about \$5 a sack. tertal. Pork, if not beef, can be procured in the mild climate of the South with cotton-seed cake, cow peas and profusely decorated with roses, which spirits of the air and kindled their trade. In Moscow, even in many of the other fall and winter growing forage plants even cheaper than the central WESE

In wooded sections the first and largest opportunity for waste was found in the wanton destruction of wood and timber, and it was improved until large areas have become deserts. In every rural industry there has been depletion and destruction. When flax became an auxiliary or successor to wheat a million of acres went into cul-Lyation for seed and the straw was thrown away, though coarse fiber worth \$100 per ton had been made of the straw as it lies from the mower. while by a slight change of method of culture and treatment, as is done in Europe, far more valuable fiber can be produced. Flax growers will say it tree after it commences to bear is all cannot be done, because they do not most certain to damage the tree seriknow how and will not learn, but it ously.

has been done and is done successfully d uniformly in other flax-growing

A QUEER HOTEL

of very good quality. Ryo as a pasture will be outen by stock only for he sur- Hnique Enterprise of a Texan in the Cyclone Heit. culcure. It is not as mitcritions as June

grass or as clover when the latter is in While traveling through the Pauhan blasson. The trampling of all pasture, die of Texas during the spring of 1801, my landlord to open the door and let even on a sod, destroys quite as much says a writer in the Youth's Compan me out. Rain was pouring, but the as what the stark cats. Where any ion i discovered a noted which I believe wind had consed. Through the rai kind of grain is fed off the damage to be the only one of its kind in the and und and darkness I tramped ovgreatly exceeds the value of what is United States, for its manager and pre- a mile, until I found the only "regular enten, especially if stock are allowed prietor seemed to have invented the to trample over the ground while the plan

early part of May my train rolled into the Cure House.

a in he town, the move of which need In reply to a query, "Is there any the not be given. As I stephed to the plate had approximat frees and unroobel houses and about offking a contact to an in finant form my attential was at once drawn. a struct arther Accumulated mould of a result not whally retated to the food to a rather ademiniosking mon with mues of regenation was offered at \$1.25 and care of the cow?" we would say red hair, wise seemed to be acting as a more distance like cloud had com

MILKING

The Garden.

The raising of ennary seed is a profit-

At a reception recently given by a

Farm Notes.

Any attempt to change the form of a

The cantaloupe is a native of Ameri-

cow he left over for next year.

er part of the earth of equal size. All

Importation is forhidden by haw, and

breeding with but the one object in

Esep a row as contented as possible

orried there is suce to be some tension

of the muscles which retain the milk.

and this holds it up. If the cow is fed

that which she likes, these muscles are

much truth there is in the idea.

importnat

SHAVING HIMMA

in way, subject to one of matters and un- sort of "Traternal" and commercial enlish. "Go to the Cave?, Bad Lok Br. anno line of life. D was not a "bad

may of labor. Thus in primitive agri- cretod first and primarily for the calf. cloud" had to do with the matter, but culture, rotation, culturation, diversified and dairying and good milking is a as there accound to be no hotel to comprise. It cost its owner about two intra culture, rotation, cultured, and forming plan to get the milk, and ince that pets with the Cave House I devided to dried dollars originally, and as he charge was transmitted into net cash. Res mother office extended. To do this part up there. If I thought any ling at ed each person fifty cents a night for enuse wheat could not be grown with there must be a couldence awakened all about the name, I supposed it to in sheeping or rather, staying in it, he out cultivation on the broken soil and and maintained, to the end that milk dicate that the house was owned of soon got his money back. because if was always a cash crop, ing this con shall be a pleasure quite managed by old Mr Cave, or some of

mais, the straw, which is worth as the "emotions." that can be called with furned my grip over to the Cave man. grown rich at the business.

because of this repeating of a crop pets a cow, and will feed her and does with the truth of my companion's obwithout cultivation, woods much more and give her pain when he milks, may servation as to the badness of the cloud; than loss of fertility reduced the rate be said to be more than a mechanical but it was the time of year when badof yield; until at last, because of exten- milker, but one who has gone further, looking clouds are not an uncommon

fection, and this can but be a simulative, real estate had been in what might be it was the same with cotton. The infinence to induce mlik secretion. The called rather an unsettied condition. A seed was wasted or only used for reader has witnessed on untoid occa- week before this day the little town of manure. Sometimes stock was killed some the cow's greatest desire to suckle Cisco had been almost demolished by a by being gorged over a pile of seed. her calf, or he milked, and if milk giv- storm, and the week before that an but systematic feeding was unknown ing and milking can be closely asso awful cyclone had visited several cinted by plensurable contact, there is places in Oklahoma. It was not the at once answer that there is a "secret" time of year when nervous Eastern wasted if applied to the soil, and al in milking, and it is fashioned on the people would enjoy living in that part

The cloud now approaching was eribegin with, it was of a deep green color.

bling, bolling appearance, as if it were capitalist in New York the rooms were a vast caldron, under which the evil the Russians is their disionesty cost, according to the New York Adver fires. The whole was a dark, lowering, best shops, one has to bargain for purtiser, \$20 per dozen. Roses bloom in wide sprending mass that seemed al- chases as a much higher price than is California all winter in the open air, most to touch the ground in its course. expected is always asked. In this way and the shipping of buds to New York A buzzing, hissing, runbling noise foreigners in Moscow no doubt fre filled the air, as if a dozen locomotives quently pay three or four times the new It is estimated that the cost of an were all letting off steam at the same lessary price for articles. In the same

prise that we were going in a direction opposite to that of the main part of the reduced, while the yield should be town, but said nothing. I noticed, too, doubled. The condition of the market, that most of the houses seemed deserthowever, renders any estimate unre- ed. What few inhabitants were visible were mostly out in their yards, watching the oncoming cloud.

"Say! Cave man." P queried, "where

significant laugh. "Here we are, though. | plant that is destined to work wonders |

no ventiliation save such as could be on tained through the two storepipes pass

I stood it until about ten o'clock, and then, after much persuasion, I induced hotel in the town. Here I stayed nill morning, but I stterward barned that herbage is wet-American Cultivator. About 4 o'clock one afternoon in the the rest of the croud spent the night in

In the inerning Farm that the storm. 「石井王宗 In any moneelliste vietnity, her had done In that work is damage. Entities east no acts at the official face for ner- cure the ground to a market with charac-Deater the ground. Here it had blows storm" comparatively spenking, but i was as hold a one as I care to see

The Cave Hotel was a paying enter

A bud looking cloud always brought

Enssian Traits.

The Russians are lazy and effemin ate; in the winter they soldom walk and when they do they crawl along, muffied up in furs, and do not movwith any briskness. One sees a great many military officers in Moscow, and their want of smartness is noticeable Numbers are always to be seen loung ing about the boulevards with their hands in the pockets of their gray over coats. These boulevard warriors do not look very formidable. The Cos sacks are dirty looking ruffians, hadly dress d, and mounted on small horses which are said to be excellent animals possessing wonderful staving power I was told by an officer that the Cos sneks have degenerated very much, and dently not of an ordinary character. To have been spoiled by being turned into regulars. The Cossacks of the Don es-One of the worst characteristics of acre of raspberries, the first year, omit time. The majestic center of all the way one has to bargain for everything, ting the fertilizers, is about \$35, while disturbance came sweeping on as if the and this, in my opinion, constitutes on about twenty-five bushels, at \$2 per prince of the powers of the air were of the most disagreeable things connected with life in Russia. One always imagines that one is being swinidea is not a vain one.

> That the Russlans are a dirty people is well known; very few houses have Hn Lake. Five white men accompany even a footbath in them, and although Mr. Ogilvie, whom he selected from the there are line public baths, the Hus | Canadian party of the boundary comsians, even of the upper classes, seldom mission. If an intelligent, reliable Inspect.-The Westminster Review.

A Wonderful Flant.

make use of them. Endeed, I believe dian, who knows the country between the lower orders are cleaner in this re- Takou and Teslin can be procured here. he will be taken along in order to ac quire as much information as possible ground," replied my companion, with a Sacaline is the name of a new forage traveled over Part of Mr. Ogilvie's about the country adjacent to the route es of Canadian sno outnit is six p shoes. Nearly all the men have experi- to prevent it from melting it hot weath ence in snowshoeing, several of them or. The licorice plant grows for the having tramped thousands of miles on most part on the banks of the Tigris themselves and their employers. An through immense treeless prairies of other item of their outfit is six tobog uncultivated land. The climate of gans. Mr. Ogilyte will depart for the these great plains is variable. Half hend of Takou Inlet in the course of a the year is mild and pleasant, but for few days, weather perialtilag. He ex- three months it is very cold, and for pects to return in the first part of Feb- three months in summer hot winds uery, whom he will likely devote a few days to the examination of White Pass; temperature to a hundred and four dethen he will make his way to Ottawa as grees for weeks at a time. specially as possible to submit his official report and plans of the work accome three feet high, and grows without outpliched and prohably be here again dividies where its roots can reach the about the middle of April in connection water. The usual time of collecting is with the closing up of the international the wanter, but roots are dug all the homodary survey work, which is expect-year round. At first the root is that of ed to be completed in July, 1805. "The map resulting from the joint in bors of the international commission "Come, come!" said I, angrily to my The new plant has been experimented - will be prepared with all speed for the parselps will not germinate if the land attendant, "go back with me at once with in this country and the results' commission -s, who will discuss the pohave been entirely satisfactory. Prof. sition from the treaty of 1825 between "If you're a mind to get blowed all to Parmiel, of the fown Agricultural Col. England and America point of view, thunder, you can go, but I won't. That lege, says of it: "It is not only perfect. Whichever of the fouries is most feasicloud's going to do its do in a mighty. In hardy in Central lows, as far as ble recorred upon will in all probability. sold is concerned, but it stands the dry he opened for travel at an early date. It seemed that such was the case, weather remarkably well. We have making as far as a reasonable expendi-The wind began to come in nervo fitful had no rain to speak of since the latter i ture will permit, an easy access to the

or more than three quarts of water. and in this way a cellar or milk house may soon be dried, even in horiest weather. Scientific American.

HAS AN EYE ON ALASKA.

anada Trying to Devise Means of

Canada is making vigorous efforts to

secure control of the business of the rich

gold floids along the Yukon River, and

the route to the interior, and with this

object the survey will be carried from

the head of canoe navigation about

seventy miles to the head of Lake Tes-

in, or probably better known here as

Aklin Lake. This will settle the prob-

headwaters of the Yukon. It is need-

less to mention to the residents of this

part of the country the advantages of

tapping the Yokon country at Teslin

Lake, as it permits an uninterrupted

navigation from the extreme head of

probably the most southern branch of

the Yukon, permitting free and easy

navigation for five months in the year

from the extreme head of the river to

Its month, a distance of upward of 2,300

miles, about two-thirds of which will

run through a mountainous country, a

condition which probably obtains on

"While in the interior Mr. Oglivie will

pay marked attention to the topogra-

phy of the surface, also the elimitic

conditions, as evidenced by the timber.

It is possible he may cross from Teslin

part of the country. If possible, and in

the time at his disposal, he will also ex-

amine the White Pass from the head of

known here as Dyea) to the Tagish

country between Takou Inlet and Tes-

no other river in the world.

Controlling the Tukon Eiver Trade.

HOW IT WAS MANAGED.

to that and near William Oglivie alid a Why the Percent South African War Cost the south African Co. Little.

party of the Canadian boundary commission to Alaska to survey a wallon. The recent South African war cost " road, probably along the Takou Kover the Scath African company about to the interior. Ogilvie and party arrive shiftichen and the English are saying ed in Alaska on Dec. 17 and in speak- that their "jittle wars" should be as ing of their intentions the Alaska News economically managed by the regular of Dec 20, published in Juneau City. army sytherities. The Zulu war cost about \$23,000,000, and the expedition "The party is outfitting here for the now in progress siduitst a mountain purpose of making as accurate a survey tribe in Northern India is costing \$250. of the Tagon River as the weather will oco u week. Henry Labouenere, in permit. The object is to acquire as com- referring to the low cost of the Mataalong that stream as circumstances will teristic cantiousness;

allow. Of course the residents of this - "I fall to see why Mr Rhodes should country will understand that the take credit to his company (or the low womther is an important factor in such price at which they similarised the perations at this time of the year The Matabele and Leized their territory. whole valley of the river and adjacent They collected the soun that floats country will as far as possible be plice on the frontiers of civilization, by the tographed. This work will be contin- promise of a share in the cattle they ued to the head of canoe navigation. could loot, and in the land that they Thus far the work is to afford knowlcould secure by the simple process of edge for the use of the international slaving its owners. As well might a boundary commission, the information pirate glory in having laid hold of meracquired, of course, being at the dispo- | chantmen at a low cost to its undersal of the joint commission. At the same writers, because his crew had been time close attention will be paid to the enlisted on the basis of payment by practicability of the Takou River as results."

Joke on the Journalists.

Not very long ago the police made a discovery of some nihilistic plot in an out of the way corner of St. Petersburg, and the special correspondent of ability of a wagon road being built to the London Standard came to hear of connect the coast with some point on the It. Off he went at once in search of the house. He found it without much difficulty, and a police officer was in possession. "Can I come in?" he asked, "Certainly," said the officer. And the correspondent entered. Having taken n good view of the surroundings, he turned to go, but the officer barred the way. "You can not pass, sir," he said. "But you yourself said I might come in " "Quite so," responded the policeman, grimly; "anybody who likes can come in, but they are immediately arrested." In vain the journalist explained that he had important engagements elsewhere. There he was, and there he had to stop. Then he went to the window and looked out with a malicious gleam in his eve. Presently he saw a sight which filled hits with joy. Strolling down the street was Mr. Dob-Lake to Aklin lakes to examine that son, the correspondent of the Times. The Imprisoned one halled him, "Hullo! Where are you going?" he shouted. "Trying to find the mildillat Skagway Bay on Talya Inlet (commonly place," "Oh, this is it." "Really? Can I come up?" "Yes, any one can come died, and too frequently, no doubt, the lakes. This is, of course, contingent on up." And Mr. Dobson came. He took the time taken in the examination of the a critical survey of the room, made his notes, and then, turning to his friend he suggested that they should go. Falling to get an answer and somewhat bewildered, he made for the door, and there the police officer enlightened him. ternoon inviting other flies into the spider's web

A Stick of Licorice.

Black licorice is made from the Juice of the licerice plant, mixed with starch ist such shoes to the satisfaction of and Euphrates rivers, which flow sweep across the country, rabing the

ought to be a profitable business. bushel, is estimated as the results, the propelling it.

expenses of crates, etc., balancing the As we moved off, I noticed with suroutlay and receipts. The second year, however, the expenses will be greatly

> have all the town folks hidden themselves? "Under the ground, mister-under the

ing through the roof! It was awful

COUNTRIES

linble

Theap Ice Storage.

I have built a house and stored twenmiles, I was obliged to make my own are producing both fruits largely. pond. A very small brook running near the barn was dammed, making it A good new will make a greater numa pond from one to fatty feet deep. This was done in the fall. Au oid building was then bought and an lee house 11x12x8 feet built, bounding horizontally inside and out, filling with sawdust as boarded. The house ours filled, with the help of two boys, putting in 126 cakes sixteen inches thick in twelve hours, each being 199x3 feet. The tools used consisted of a set of double block. mekle, chain, tongs and ax. An lee snw was hired for 25 cents. I would not use an ice plow if I had one. One man can easily saw twenty-five tons of ics daily; If a smaller quantity were required it would not pay to house and bother with an ice plow; The house was built by the side of the pond and the ice hoisted by hand into the house. Six one-horse londs of shwdust were tised in packing. The expense of building house and filling was less than \$17. and hereafter the cost of storing ice. will not be over \$5.-Correspondence | all these years the dairymen have been Orange Judd Farmer.

Not Altogether Practical.

To the practical man, the methods if you would have her milk easy. If and system of Judging fourla at poultry shows commands but little respect, and when scores and awards are viewed with suspicion they only excite conrempt and derision. The American standard does not recognize the economic value in dead weights for table purposes. All stress is haid upon color of plumage, general simpe and condition of face, car, loises, watties, comb, etc. From the functors' standpoint a point of view that is more or less conspicuous as tastes and ideas changethis may be all right enough, but what does it signify to the farmer who wants eggs, or the publiceer who wants heavy carcasses for the market's What difference does it make if his birds are white in the ear lobes, their combs out of shape, the talls awry, see long as they shell out an abundance of hen fruit? What does the family man or epicare care about the procise shape of tall, wings, color of backle, or other dia. Siecp favors digestion, and keeping the qualifications, so he gets good chicken meat?-Field and Farm.

Ryc as a Pasture.

We never could see any advantage from sowing any kind of grain to furnish pasture. The soil must be plowed, to make a seed bed for the grain, and it must not .- scome compact so that stock can trample over it without pogehing the surface when wet. Even If fed off while dry the grain furnishes | let them scratch for it.

ca, and is so called from the name of at the Cave House. a place near Rome, where it was first 'ent down there." cultivated in Europe.

We buy over \$1,000,000 worth of or what seemed to be the back yard of a this new vegetable wonder. The prodty tons of ice for loss than \$20. There anges and lemons from Italy every private residence. I noticed quite a uctive powers of the plant are said to being up poul or more within two year, although Florida and California number of people in the back yard, but be truly wonderful and cattle are exhesitated about entering.

This is the way one dairy man puts man! Where's the hotel?"

her of pounds of human food in a year "There it is, right over yonder," said than a steer will in a lifetime, and the he, impatiently. "Ain't you got no eyes? I told you before you started it If smut is suspected, sonk all seeds of was a cave house. You didn't think of grain twenty-four hours in a solution stoppin' at a reg'har hotel this kind of of one pound of sulplinte of copper in weather, did you?"

six gallons of warm water, and then Glancing in the direction of his ges-

Beets, carrots and parsnips should be door opening in at one side. A lanters long in attaining a height of nearly ten seeded early after the frost is out of hung in this doorway, and two objects feet. Small long, zigzag camillentions the ground. Plow the land as soon as which looked like stovepipes projected develope in the middle and at the top it can be done, and harrow it down through the top.

until very fine. Seeds of carrots and full of clods or humps. A fine soll is to some regular hotel."

The little Island of Jersey is but elev en miles long by five wide, yet it problittle while now." ably contains more cows than any oth-

gusts. The flashing of the lightning part of July, but this plant is as are or gold fields of the interior." and the rolling of the thunder were at the end of September as it is early almost continuous. A few large, heavy In July. The original plant has been drops of rain feil. I was not at heart, in a dry place for years, but in all this pining to be "blowed all to thunder." time it has not once been affed buys- in ventilating cellars and milk houses. so I decided to put up for the night at it is a remarkable grower. harly in The object of ventilation is to keep the Cave House.

The mound of earth was a matural one. It had been excavated, and an entrance made on the northeast side. namally relaxed. - Even the maternal . because the cyclones of the region alaffection is forgorten while eating a ways came from the southwest. As I outered. I hoheld such a sight as I never the question whether or not odors are again.

really absorbed by the milk while it is | Before me was an underground room warm, just from the cow. Some of them party feet long by twenty feet broad. argue that if such were the case there Seated on boards around the walls, and would be no milk fit to drink, as all is on hoxes, stools and chairs on the floor. exposed to odors of some kind when were about two hundred and fifty men. first drawn. They claim that cold women and children. The dim, weird milk will absorb odors more readily light of the low-imaging lanterns shone han warm. Americans have believed on pris faces, and gave them an effect that warm milk was a rapid absorber. beyond description. and it will be interesting to know how

All had now come in. The massive double doors were closed and barred.

The heaviest feed there is for poultry We could tell by the demondac howl and or other animals should be at night, shrick of the wind outside that the the herriss of Queenston, Stony Creak storm king was hard at his work. It stomach full is the best protection was then really a comfort to know that against cold. If any corn is given it there were six feet of solid, natural should be at night. It will be all the betearth in all the walls, and that over ter if warmed and some of it is charred. head four feet of earth were propped A cold grain of corn, sometimes iceup. In addition, with massive onken cold has to be warmed before it can be timbers. The walls were celled, and digested. At night, when exercise is there was a plank flooring under foot. impossible, no unnecessary burden All would have been well enough should be placed on the system. In the with us, had it not been for the stifling morning it is better to feed poultry heat. Think of over two hundred and with grain scattered among straw and fifty people packed and jammed into such a room as I have described, with

You'll find lots of in the drouth-stricken regions of this country. Even the glories of irrigation As he spoke, he opened the gate to are of little avail when compared with ceedingly foud of it. It is hardy and "I don't want to go in that place, vigorous and bears with equal indifference in summer or winter. Sacaline was discovered by the Russlan explorer. Maximowlez, on an island in the seg of Okhotsk. It was brought to France in 1869. The roots branch on all sides and pass horizontally from the rhizomes, constrating the hardest softs and giving origin to new shoots which further increase the size of the clump. mix the seed with land plaster to dry mire. I noticed for the first time what The stems are numerous and closed seemed to be a mound of earth with a set; they vegetate early, and are not of the Invariant piant.

June stalls were fourteen bet bleh.

Oldest Living Officer

Eighty-three years a solilier! may he said of Michael Moore, whose name appears on the Army Region where it has been carried since April 1812, when he enflated as a musician English dairymen are wrestling with saw before and hever expect to see from New York. He says he is the old ast living officer of the United States actuy, and there are probably not many older in any of the world's armies. H ran nway from home when he was 12 years old and cullated as a drummer in Capt. Sproull's company of the Thirteenth Regiment, United States Infantey, of which Col. Schoyler was the at the time at Greenbush, opposite Al bany. He took part with his regiment in the examplization the Canadian from ther, and is still foud of telling about and Fort George. He remained in the service at a recruiting station till Jan unry, 1869, when he was commissioned as Second Lieutennut in the Night upon the retired list by tensor of "dlhas lived since then with his wife and two daughters and son at No. 20 Seventh avenue, New York.

> It is wonderful how many bad things a good man can be guilty of

How to Cool = Cellar.

A great mistake is sometimes made the celliers cool and dry; but this ab fect often fails of being accomplished

by a common mistake, and instead the cellar is made both warm and damp. A cool place should never be ventilated unless the air admitted is cooler than the air within, or is at least as cool asthat, or a very little warmer. The warmer the air the more moisture it holds in suspension. Necessarily, the rusher the air the more this molsture is condensed and precipitated. When a cool cellar Is alred on a warm day. the entering air being in motion anpears cool, but as it fills the cellars, the cooler air with which it becomes mixed chills it, the moisture is condensed, and commander, and which was stationed dow is deposited on the cold walls and may often be seen running down them in streams. Then the cellar is damp and soon becomes moldy. To avoid this the windows should only be openod at night, and late-the last thing he fore retiring. There is no need to fear that the night air is unhealtful-it is as pure as the midday and is really drier. The cool air enters the apartment dur-United States Infantry. He was placed ing the night, and circulates through It. The windows should be closed beability from old age" Dec. 10, 1870, and | fore sunrise in the morning, and kent closed and shaded through the day. If the air of the cellar is damp, it may be thoroughly dried by placing in it a

peck of fresh lime in an open box, and the National Builder adds, a peck of lime will absorb about seven pounds, open with the treth when loading.

The licerice plant is a shrub about

water, and must be allowed to day, a process which takes nearly a year. It is then cut into small pieces, from six inches to a foot long. The good and sound places are kept, and the rorten ones are used for fir-wood. 'The ficurfee is then taken in native river bears of Rassors, whence it is slituped in pressed balles to London

As the valley of the Euphrates contained one of the earliest civilizations. in the world, it is probable that licerice is about the oldest confection extant, and that the taste, which pleases nearly all children to-day, was family lar to the little brown girls and boys of Rabylon and Nueveh three thous and years such

What HIL Rim.

Many queer unligs happen in wartime. Sergeant Forbes-Mitchell of the Sinery-filled Sutherland Highlanders. relates which he calls "a rather laught-Ide inddept" which befell a man of his continuery named Johnny Ross. It was In India, at Lucknow, during the great matiny. Before falling in for the assmilt on the lieguin's paince. Johnny Ross and George Poller, with some others, had been playing cards in a shultoped corner, and in some way quarreled over the game. They were still irguing the point, when the signal was given to fall in, and Puller told Ross to "sint up." At that moment a spent hall struck Ross in the month and knocked out four of his teeth. Johnny thought it was Puller who had struck

that struck you, Don't you know you've got a bullet in your mouth?"

And so it was. Ross put his hand to his lips and spat into it his four front theth and a built. He at once apologized to Puller for having struck him. and added:

"How shall I manage to blte my cartridges the noo?"

Those were the days of muzzie loading cartridges, which had to be torn

him, and at once returned the blow. You fool," said Puller. "It wasn't I