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SLOWLY STRANGLING AN ELM.

A Connecticut Wisteria Vine Which Is Playing the Role of a Python.

At the top of the hill in Church street in Norwich a big "vegetable python" is slowly strangling a large elm, says the New York Sun. It is a wisteria vine, said to be the largest in the State, perhaps in the country, in the open sunny garden of the George D. Coit place, next to the Storm Sec and Congregational Church. At its base it is about a foot in diameter. A foot above the ground its trunk divides, and it sends one fork, an important one, though a hundred feet in length, northward along the front of the handsome Coit house. Its other and interesting fork, consisting of three huge strands, each four inches thick, trails along a broad garden fence for twenty feet, and then enters a stately elm that is at the inner edge of the flagged city walk. Noting the great snake vine from the street, one has a keen and lively impression that it is a veritable serpent that has just reared upon the tree, entangling it in a deathly constriction. Before entering the elm the three strands are firmly bound in a monstrous cable with manifold small, round, white-like bands emanating from the strands themselves. Singularly uncanny and menacing they seem interlaced, twisted and contorted, as if writhing in each other's hostile embrace, and the fact that their bark is smooth and of a dusky brown hue, like the hide of some venomous vipers, deepens the impression that they are pythons. Immediately after entering the elm the cable divides into its several strands, and each travels up the tree in its own eccentric, serpentine way. One strand, three inches thick, throws a coil so tightly about the elm trunk, just below its lowest branch, that it has cut a deep circular furrow into the bark. This coil is choking the life out of the tree. Ascending, the threefold serpent flings coils after coils about trunk and branches, and finally lifting its plumed green crest high above the elm's crown gathers it into its embrace. The tree is naturally thrifty and luxuriant, but it already shows plentiful tokens that its powerful enemy is throttling it. The tips of its lower boughs are dry and dead, and all its foliage is sere or yellow. Before another year it doubtless will be dead, and then the vegetable serpent may east at will on its leafless carcass. In the end it may pull the tree's skeleton down and thereafter, if it had its own licensed way, would travel on to another elm in the street, and throttle and destroy that. When in full bloom, with a hundred purple flower clusters, the wisteria is gorgeous and beautiful, but one easily fancies then that the splendid blossoms are mottled patches on the python's hide, and the vine does not seem so lovely.

But They Seemed to Be.
 The gentleman living in the suburbs had a goat for the children's pleasure, and it was that kind of a goat which might well be called rambunctious, for it took possession of the place early and showed little disposition to vacate. One morning the goat walked into the children's playhouse, and as the gentleman was starting down town he told the man about the place to drive it out and shut it up in the stable. The man promised and the master proceeded to his office. At noon the man came to the office on an errand.
 "By the way, John," said the master, "did you put that goat in the stable, as I told you?"
 John began to hedge.
 "I was busy, sir, and—"
 "Busy, nothing," interrupted the master, "I told you to put it in the stable, and that's what I wanted you to do."
 "Yes, sir," parleyed John, "but—"
 "There's no buts about it. I—"
 "Oh, but there is, sir," interrupted John this time, "if you don't believe me, sir, you just tackle the goat yourself, sir, and you'll see how it is."
 —Free Press

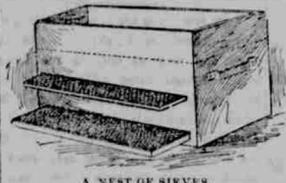
Level Culture for Potatoes.
 Almost all practical growers now agree that the level culture of potatoes brings the largest crop. This is especially true if the season is dry, as of late years it almost always is. If the ground is cultivated often enough, weeds can appear above the surface, that will make it easy to keep the crop free of weeds without ever needing to cultivate more than an inch below the surface. This is the best way to subdue the perennial weeds, quick grass and Canada thistles, as well as the annual weeds.

Clover Growing in the West.
 Time was when Western farmers did not care to do anything to improve the fertility of their soil, which they bought was inexhaustible. But decreasing crops have turned their attention to better modes of manuring and a increased growth of clover. This is especially true where stock growing and dairying have superseded the extensive growing of the earlier settlement. Clover is especially adapted to be Western farmer, because corn, which he always has grown, is only an



Sieves Are Useful.
 A proper assortment of sieves, when at hand, come into use almost every day in the year, and the owner wonders how he ever got along without them. They will sort and "size" various articles, beans, peas, grain, etc., and will clean the dirt out of many farm products. They will take out the coarsely-cracked corn for the older fowls, and separate the finer parts for the chicks, and so on might go on enumerating their conveniences.

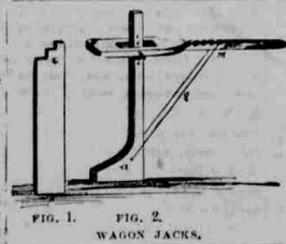
A New Insecticide.
 A new lice exterminator, recommended by the Arkansas Experiment Station, is made as follows, being a kerosene extract of pyrethrum: 1 1/2 gallons kerosene soaked through 2 1/2 pounds pyrethrum, resulting in a yellowish, oily extract, which will not mix with water, but which will form an emulsion with soap, similar to kerosene emulsion. One pond of soap dissolved in one gallon of boiling water added to one gallon of the extract, well mixed or churned with a force pump, made a perfect emulsion, which, when diluted—one part of emulsion to 450 parts water—readily killed cotton worms. It seems to combine the properties of kerosene and pyrethrum, and to be more effective than either, easier to handle and cheaper.—Farm and Home.



Wire Cloth. Nail a small strip of wood over the edges and the sieve is complete. The cut shows a deep sieve with in arrangement for "sizing" an article into three or more grades. The sieve in the position indicated by the dotted lines is permanently fastened in place, and is very coarse in mesh. Below are two sliding frames with meshes finer and still finer. Thus with one shaking, three or four grades, assortments can be made.

Cross Breeding Doesn't Pay.
 The combination of well-established breeds each grown for a distinct purpose, is always a failure, as the propensity of each breed neutralizes the other, and thus produces a mongrel that is just as likely as not to reproduce the best favorable rather than the most favorable characteristics desired. Breeding pure-bred animals to grades is always a good plan, for there is no propensity in the grade, that having been destroyed in the first cross. But even in this breeding it is necessary for the best results to have the pure-bred male of the same breed that was used to make the grade on which it is to be crossed. If the grade is a half-bred Jersey or a half-bred Holstein, for example, the second cross on it with a pure-bred male of the same breed will make a high grade or three-quarters of a full blood, and often nearly as valuable for milk or butter production as if it were a full-bred animal.

Lifting Jacks for Vehicles.
 The very simplest form of a wagon jack is shown in Figure 1. It is simply a board six inches wide, and of the proper length, with two notches sawed out near the top, as shown above. For light wagons, one man can use this jack very easily, but for heavy wagons, assistance is required. The one in Figure 2 is cheap, strong and convenient. The part a is made from a two-inch plank of some tough wood,

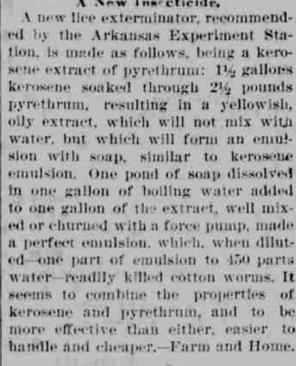


and is two and one-half feet long. The lever, m, is three and one-half feet long and should be made from a tough stick 1 1/4 inches square, dressed to the form shown. The retaining rod, g, may be two pieces of No. 8 annealed wire. The upper end fastens in the serrated edge in the upper side of the lever. This will be found a most serviceable jack and will easily support half a ton weight.—American Agriculturist.

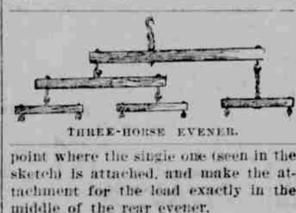
Imperfect ration. It is too largely carbonaceous and needs more nitrogenous nutrition. Nothing better supplies this than clover, nor do any crops better supplement each other in farm rotation than do clover and corn.—American Cultivator.

Training the Calf.
 The young calves should not be turned out before the middle of June. When ready to turn them out, have a strong head halter for each one, and lead them out to and from the pasture. They will soon learn to follow and become very docile with such training. In selling Jerseys, we always say that the cow can be led, and it adds several dollars to her value. Near the city, where family cows are in demand, at good prices, a cow that can be led out and tethered on the lawn is worth a great deal more than one that can not be thus managed. With bulls, especially Jersey bulls, put a ring into his nose, when four months old, and lead him with a stout hickory staff. The bull can be early taught to lead, and he should be gradually made to cut the feed and pump the water for the stock. A bull so managed is safer and makes a better breeder.—The American.

A Three-Horse Evener.
 In reply to numerous requests for a three-horse evener, Orange Judd Farmer gives the accompanying illustration as perhaps the simplest and best of any that have been used hitherto, since in this arrangement each horse must do his full part of the work or show at once that he is shirking. The point of attachment to the plow or load must be made exactly one-third of the distance from the point of attachment of the double and single whiffle-trees, to give each horse an equal share of the work. To make a four-horse evener, attach a double whiffle-tree to the



point where the single one (seen in the sketch) is attached, and make the attachment for the lead exactly in the middle of the rear evener.



Eggs and Prices.
 No matter how fresh the eggs may be that you send to market, the reliable merchant, if you are unknown to him, will "candle" them; that is, he will test them by looking through the eggs in a dark place at a strong light, and should he find only one egg that is stale, your whole lot will be graded accordingly. Nothing is so affected by suspicion as an egg, and the only way to secure the highest prices is to disarm all suspicion by shipping no eggs to market except such as are known by you to be strictly fresh. Once let a merchant discover that he can depend on you, and you will have no difficulty in securing even more than the regular price, for strictly fresh eggs are salable at all times, and at special prices for choice lots.—Poultry Keeper.

Growing Onion Sets for Sale.
 In every neighborhood a good business might be made if some one would fit a bed and grow onion sets for sale to his neighbors. Comparatively few farmers have the small onion bed that is so convenient for the housewife to go to when she needs something more to supply the table properly with vegetables. Most farmers after a few trials find that the small onion bed costs more labor to weed it than will buy the onions it could grow. It is not so where onion sets are planted. They cost more than the seed to begin with, but the labor of cultivation is so much lessened that they are much the cheapest way to grow onions on a small scale.

Cutting Clover and Grass Closely.
 It is not alone because of injury to scythes, mowers and other implements that the haymaker wants as smooth a surface as he can get. It is necessary to have stones and other inequalities removed if he would be able to cut as closely as he should. The new growth, especially of clover, starts quicker and grows more vigorously if cut close. Besides, much of the weight of both clover and grass is lost if either is cut high. So there is loss by high cutting in the first cut as well as in the after-math.

Repelling Wire Worms.
 It is much easier to drive wire worms from corn than to destroy them in the soil. If a little salt is sprinkled on the hill it will be washed down by rains and make the locality unpleasant for the worm. Soaking the seed corn in copperas has also the same effect, though we doubt whether the copperas is strong enough poison.

Keep Cultivating.
 Keep the sulky cultivator at work in the corn and potato fields. When out the frame and run but once in a row. After the field is gone over the long way, then cross it. This cultivation will mellow the ground; start the corn to growing, and kill off the weeds just as they are sprouting.

Atchison Globe Lights.
 Usually when a man controls his tongue, he is so proud of himself that he feels constrained to tell afterwards what it is that makes him so proud.
 An Atchison man has the edic so badly that there is some fear felt by his women folks that he will die of it, and it is such an old-fashioned disease!
 When you remember how a woman exaggerates the love she has for a man, it is not surprising that she exaggerates her woes after she marries him.

Reflections of a Hack-ler.
 A woman never forgives a man for misunderstanding her.
 Ananias and Sapphira had probably owed it to the tax assessor.
 Love is back of half the fool breaks a man makes and indigestion is back of the other half.
 A widower is always afraid that if he doesn't act broken-hearted all the women will talk about him, and if he does he will have to look out for himself.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought *Chas. H. Fletcher* on the and has the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

Do Not Be Deceived.
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"The Kind You Have Always Bought"
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 Insist on Having
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Elastic.
 The cavalry soldier of the Confederate army furnished his own nose. If it was killed or disabled it became necessary for him to leave the front and go after another mount. When a man wanted a furlough, he had only to swap his horse for one that was broken down, and then apply for leave of absence.

Love is like a bird-of-Paradise. It is beautiful and probably exists somewhere, but most people only know it from seeing it in pictures.

Gradually there grew up a kind of brokerage system of "horse furloughs," as they were called. So writes an old cavalry officer, who tells this amusing story of a man who wished to buy such a furlough, and to that end put himself in communication with a friend in the brigade camp.

Shake Into Your Shoes
 Allen's Foot-Powder, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Powder makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25 cents, in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

"The price is \$100, I know," he writes, "but I am willing to pay a little more, if necessary. I want it as low as possible and, anyhow, you must not pay more than \$100. That is my limit."

One of the chief charms about a woman is that she can act as mean as dirt to a man and then cry when he doesn't kiss her.

Hall's Catarrh Cure
 Is taken internally. Price 75 cents.

Castles in the air are sometimes built in a hole.

An air of dignity sometimes misleads a whole community.

Women admiration win who use Glenn's Sulphur Soap to improve the skin.
 Hill's Hair and Whisker Lye, black or brown, 50c.

Let the person who has nothing to say list in.

Every man is satisfied with his own argument.

Every man having a beard should keep it an even and natural color, and if it is not so already, use Buckingham's Dye and appear tidy.

THE "GROWN-UP" DAUGHTER'S DUTY TO HER MOTHER.



You can only have one mother; therefore, when her step is growing slow and her mind gloomy with forebodings, and you can see that her whole nervous system is upset, it is your filial duty and privilege to attend to her in time! Mother is approaching the most critical period of her life.

The change of life, that is what mother is dreading, and no wonder, for it is full of peril to all but the strongest women.

There are some special and very wearing symptoms from which mother suffers, but she will not speak of them to any one. Help her out; she doesn't know what to do for herself!

Shall I advise you? First, send to the nearest drug store and get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and see that mother takes it regularly, then write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., giving all the symptoms and you will receive a prompt reply telling mother what to do for herself. In the meantime the Vegetable Compound will make life much easier for her. It tones up the nervous system, invigorates the body, and the "blues" vanish before it as darkness flees from the sunlight. You can get it at any reliable druggist's.

Mrs. LOUIS STROGO, Harris Hill, Erie Co., N. Y., says: "I have been troubled with falling of the womb for years, was advised to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took thirteen bottles and received great benefit. When the time for change of life came I suffered a great deal with faintness and palpitation of the heart. I got one bottle of the Vegetable Compound and one of Blood Purifier and was relieved again. I was thereby enabled to pass through that serious period very comfortably."

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Mrs. Winstow's soothing styptic for child ren teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c bottle.

The only thing a gentleman can afford to strike is an attitude.

An honest man in politics is bound to come out with his fire punctured.

"Thoughtless Folks Have the Hardest Work, but Quick Witted People Use SAPOLIO"

Rattlesnakes, Butterflies, and ...?

Washington Irving said, he supposed a certain hill was called "Rattlesnake Hill" because it abounded in—butterflies. The "rule of contrary" governs other names. Some bottles are, supposedly, labeled "Sarsaparilla" because they are full of... well, we don't know what they are full of, but we know it's not sarsaparilla; except, perhaps, enough for a flavor. There's only one make of sarsaparilla that can be relied on to be all it claims. It's Ayer's. It has no secret to keep. Its formula is open to all physicians. This formula was examined by the Medical Committee at the World's Fair with the result that while every other make of sarsaparilla was excluded from the Fair, Ayer's Sarsaparilla was admitted and honored by awards. It was admitted because it was the best sarsaparilla. It received the medal as the best. No other sarsaparilla has been so tested or so honored. Good motto for the family as well as the Fair: Admit the best, exclude the rest.

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