USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

-Highly embellished dinner-cards pre no longer "good form." A simple white card with silver or gold edge and the guest's monogram in silver and gold in one corner is considered the elegant thing.-Chicago Inter Ocean.

-When making molasses candy or when boiling maple molasses there is always more or less danger of its running over on the stove. A small lump of butter dropped in when its bubbles begin to rise will prevent this .-- N. Y. Post.

-The following is said to be a sure cure for ring-worm: "Thymol, one to two parts; chloroform, eight parts; olive oil, twenty-four parts, mix. The thymol destroys the fungus, the oil prevents irritation and rapid evaporation, while the chloroform facilitates the absorption of the active ingredient by acting on the sebaceous glands."—Denver Tribune

-Hot Cake: Scald one quart of cornmeal with just enough hot water to make a thick batter; stir in two large spoonfuls of butter; beat this a little before mixing it with the butter so it will rise readily; add half a teaspoonful of salt. This should be baked at least three-quarters of an hour; butter the tins well in which it is baked; serve hot. This is decidedly economical, and it is very nourishing. -- Indianapolis Sentinel.

-John Talcott, of Rome. N. Y., believes the best roots for stock are the long orange carrot, the white, sweet German turnip, and potatoes. The carrots he would feed with meal or shorts and early cut hay to dairy cows. There is something in roots thus fed with meal, he adds, that seems to give an animal a better appetite, and consequently a greater gain than where dry food alone is used. The animal thus fed is not as likely to cloy in its appetite as when only dry food is used.

-A certain degree of moisture is necessary for the hatching of eggs. The biddy which hides her nest away in some seeluded spot on the ground usually comes out with a fine brood of chickens, while the one which had her nest made high up from the ground in some dry place very likely failed to hatch the most of her eggs. Generally the hen will hatch the most of her eggs when her nest is placed upon the ground. If it is not practicable to build the nest upon the ground, it is advisable, in order to maintain a certain degree of moisture, to place a few shovelfuls of earth in a box and place the nest upon that. When nests are made of straw and placed upon the floor the air circulates throughout the nest so readily that the eggs become too dry to hatch well .--Chicago Times.

Selection and Sowing of Seed.

Provident farmers not only furnish themselves with good seed, but taking time by the forelock, make all needful purchases in this line in ample time, so

THE Kansas City Times reports that its book-keeper suffered very severely, and for a long time, with rheumatism. He tried St. Jacobs Oil and was sured by one bottle of it. A HARLEM man who had offered \$50 to any

one who would remove his bunion, now turns around and wants \$10,000 because a street car accommodated him. -N. Y. Star.

THE Ithnea (N. Y.) Ithacan observes: Our druggists report that St. Jacobs Oil goes off like hot cakes.

"I occasionally drop into poetry," as the man said when he fell into the editorial waste-basket.

BETTER than putting one Dollar out at com-pound interest, is the sending it to Dr. C. W. Benson, Baltimore, Md., for two boxes of his Celery and Chamomile Pills, which cure nerv-Celery and Chalmonite Fuis, which chief there ous disease, quiet the mind, bring on refresh-ing sieep and prevent paralysis. The same amount will buy at your druggists, his well known and popular Skin Cure, the popular and standard remedy for all Scalp and skin diseases.

ELECTRICITY is certainly a wonderful thing. There is an electric hair-brush warranted to make the hair grow and cure headache, and an electric flesh brush that will cure several other ills that flesh is heir to; and now if some fellow will bring out an electric clothes brush that will make an old suit of clothes look and wear like new, he can sell thousands at a dollar apiece, or three for two dollars.-Norristown Herald.

Two Organs.

Regulate first the stomach, second the liver; especially the first, so as to perform their functions perfectly and you will remove at least nineteen twentieths of all the ills that mankind is heir to, in this or any other cli-mate. Hop Bitters is the only thing that will give perfectly healthy natural action to these two organs.—Maine Farmer.

A wir being asked, on the failure of a bank: "Were you not upset?" replied: "No; I only lost my balance."

"MANY silly people despise the precious, not understanding it." But no one despises Kidney Wort after having given it a trial. Those that have used it agree that it is by far the best medicine known. Its action is prompt, thorough and lasting. Don't take pills, and other mercurials that poison the system, but by using Kidney-Wort restore the natural notion of all the organs.

THE Courier Journal knows of forty-four cases where people who smoked after going to bed awoke in a brighter land.

WOMEN that have been given up by their dearest friends as beyond help, have been permanently cured by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a positive cure for all female complaints. Send to Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, 233 Western Avenue, Lynn, Mass., for pamphlets.

THE Chilian comic papers burlesque our navy. Some people can joke about the merest trifle.—Texas Sigtings.

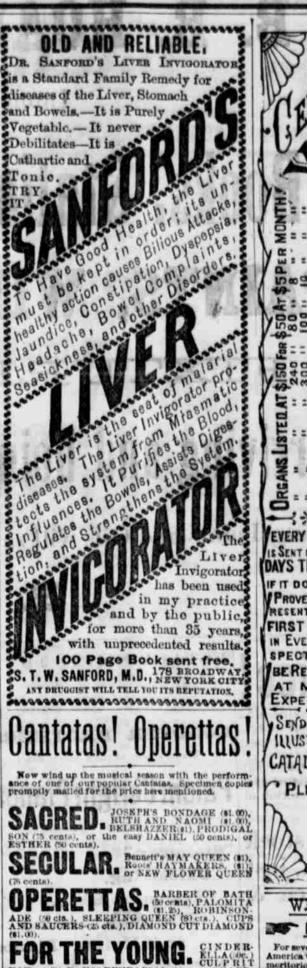
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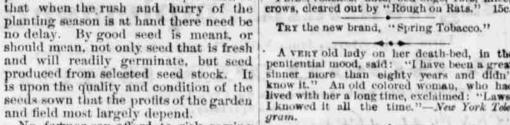
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SEINNY MEN. "Wells' Health Renewer" restores health and vigor, cures Dyspepsia. \$1. IF afflicted with Sore Eyes, use Dr. Isaac Thompson's EyeWater. Druggists sell it. 25c.

SEND name and address to Cragin & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., for cook book free. FLIES, roaches, ants, bed-bugs, rats, mice,







No farmer can afford to risk sowing damaged or defective seed; hence the wisdom of testing seed previous to planting it. It is a comparatively small matter to do this, as most readers know. The germinating powers of wheat, rye, oats and barley may be tested by sowing some seed in garden pot-saucers or other unglazed earthen vessels set in water and covered with moist flannel. Clover and grass seeds may be tested in the same way, as indeed may garden seeds. If the seed germinates irregularly it is a sign that old and new seeds have been mixed. If only a small per cent. germi-nates the seed should be, of course, dis-carded. The heaviest seed, other things being even, is best.

The seed selected, the next considera-tion in the cultivation of a crop is the condition of the soil. The temperature and moisture of the ground have more to do with the successes and failures yearly recorded than is generally acted upon. Wheat and barley, for instance, while they will struggle through the ground at the extreme temperatures of 41 degrees and 100 degrees, germinate most quickly-other conditions being equal-at about 84 degrees. Corn does best at about 90 degrees, though it will germinate at from 50 to 115 degrees. The squash, bean and pea all germinate readily at about the same temperature as that given for corn. Clover seed often fails because sown at a time of insufficient moisture, while millet, for instance, under similar conditions of dryness, will secure a good catch.

The depth of planting is another important point. The size of the seed should regulate the depth of covering. Corn must be placed deeper, therefore, than the small grains, and the small grains in turn deeper than the grass seeds. Most farmers understand this, but all do not vary these respective depths to suit the different soils into which the seeds are placed, and yet a moment's consideration makes it apparent that a heavy soil which lies close to the seed admits of slighter covering than does a shifting sandy one. Many interesting experiments have been made from time to time to test the germinating powers of seed under different depths of covering. From experiments showing the germination of wheat at certain depths in the ground it appears that about three-fourths of the seed planted will come up at a depth of three inches, and nearly all at from one to two inches. These and similar facts point to the importance of planters acquainting them-selves with the requirements of the seed to be sown.—N. Y. World.

TRY the new brand, "Spring Tobacco."

A VERY old lady on her death-bed, in the penitential mood, said: "I have been a great sinner more than eighty years and didn't know it." An old colored woman, who had lived with her a long time, exclaimed: "Laws, I knowed it all the time."—New York Telegram.

The statistics of the Treasury Department show that last year 770,000 corsets, valued at \$780,000, were imported into the United States from Europe. Is it not about time we were growing our own corsets! Have we no princes of whales !- N. F. Commercial Adver-

It is asserted over and over that anxiety abortens life, but when a chap sees another fellow feeding his girl sandwiches at a pic-nic is he going to sit down and bid his soul be calm. Not by a boot-jack!—Detroit Free

As intelligent lady asked a sculptor who was about completing the figure of a lamb: "Did you cut out that animal?" "Oh, no," said the artist, "the animal has been there all the time; I only took the marble from around him—that's all."

The Boston papers say the girls of that city have begun to wear police helmet hats. Then should the Boston papers warn the Boston girls. If they go to imitating the Boston po-lice, they will never catch a man.—Detroit Post and Tribune.

SCIENTISTS say the best brain food is corn meal; so if you wish to flatter a scientist, by some delicate allusion to his mental capacity, all you have to do is to call him a mush-head then run.

"AIN'T that a lovely critter. John," said Jerusha; as they stopped opposite the leopard's cage. "Waal, yes," said John, "bet then he's dreffully freekled, ain't he?"-Foston Commercial Bulletin.

"My boy." said a conscientious teacher, "do you know the reason why I'm going to whip you?" "Yes," replied the hopeful, "be-cause you're bigger than I am."

GET a caw with a dreamy eye if you want a good milker.-Detroit Free Press. For a "dreamy," read "creamy." A nightmare is the only animal that has adreamy eye.-Phila delphia Bulletin.



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