

USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

The main point to be kept in view, from first to last, in making country roads, is drainage.

Those who object to the odors of many of the disinfectants used at the present day will find charcoal unobjectionable on this account, and it is said to absorb gases in a surprising way; pieces can be laid on plates and put out of sight in a sick room.—*N. Y. Post.*

Potatoes in Cream: Buy freshly dry potatoes that can be scraped, if they can be had as well as the wilted ones that must be pared. Steam them till done, about half an hour, then put them in cream sauce made thin, and sprinkle in a little chopped parsley.—*Chicago Herald.*

To maintain fowls in a really healthy state appetite must be kept up, and it is good management to have the poultry in such a state that they will fly up to meet the poultry man and scramble for their food. Loss of appetite comes from unwise feeding on over-spiced food.

Mr. C. H. Hill, Sodus Point, N. Y., calls attention to a queer freak of nature in the shape of an apple, part green and part russet, which grew upon a graft of the latter set on a stock of the former. Curious evidences showing how various and often recalcitrant are the mutual influences of stock and scion, present themselves to all close observers.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

There are two kinds of parsnips, the hollow-crown or sugar parsnip is the best, and will take on a rich brown in the oven when the other kind comes out only dried and tasteless. Pare the parsnips, cut in pieces lengthwise and steam about an hour. Then bake in a hot oven, with a little salt and meat drippings. Drain by tipping up one end of the pan.—*Chicago Herald.*

Currant fritters are made of one cup and a half of very fine bread crumbs, one tablespoonful and a half of flour, one cup and a half of sweet milk, one-quarter of a pound of well-washed English currants (drain the currants thoroughly), two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, a small lump of butter. Flavor with cinnamon or nutmeg to suit your taste; drop in spoonfuls in hot lard and fry until done. Eat with wine and sugar.—*N. Y. Post.*

Glazed Turnips: Cut some new turnips into the shape of orange quarters or small pears. Parboil them for five or ten minutes in salted water. Drain them thoroughly, then place them in a well-buttered sauce-pan, sprinkle them with plenty of powdered loaf sugar, put the saucepan on the fire, and as soon as they begin to color moisten them with a small quantity of clear stock, add a pinch of powdered cinnamon, pepper and salt; let them stew gently until done.

As the season grows warmer the horses should be fed sparingly on corn. Oats well crushed, make the best grain feed, as corn contains too much oil, and produces fat and animal heat, with little muscle. If oats are moistened previous to feeding the demand for water after feeding will be lessened, and too much at that time often carries the grain from the stomach into the intestines, where it cannot be digested. Corn often causes sweating when given in large quantities.—*Denver Tribune.*

Farm Growth.

The Census Bureau furnishes the number of farms in nineteen Northern and fourteen Southern States in the year 1880, which we herewith publish, together with carefully calculated tables, showing the increase in the number of farms in the several decades since 1850, as follows:

NORTHERN STATES.	Gross Acres.	Increase in Number of Farms.			
		No. of Farms.	1850.	1860.	1870.
California	35,934	17,814	5,008	12,210	12,210
Connecticut	30,598	2,735	328	5,090	5,090
Illinois	25,511	67,102	59,493	32,938	32,938
Indiana	19,013	37,030	24,493	32,732	32,732
Iowa	15,351	45,389	53,127	67,459	67,459
Kansas	13,561	29,432	29,432	70,752	70,752
Maine	64,000	8,938	4,106	4,509	4,509
Michigan	151,000	28,234	36,394	55,215	55,215
Minnesota	7,380	17,924	25,719	45,886	45,886
Nebraska	65,387	9,512	15,076	15,076	15,076
New Hampshire	12,181	1,272	859	2,439	2,439
New Jersey	34,307	3,741	3,006	3,055	3,055
New York	141,018	36,392	19,251	24,805	24,805
Ohio	121,189	36,069	19,064	31,236	31,236
Oregon	16,317	4,642	1,781	8,550	8,550
Pennsylvania	21,542	28,780	17,084	30,501	30,501
Rhode Island	6,216	21	38	848	848
Vermont	35,322	1,783	2,271	1,695	1,695
Wisconsin	134,222	49,693	32,634	31,418	31,418
SOUTHERN STATES.					
Alabama	135,864	13,164	12,254	98,582	98,582
Arkansas	94,131	21,240	10,420	43,000	43,000
Delaware	8,749	520	957	1,134	1,134
Florida	23,408	2,264	3,073	13,197	13,197
Georgia	132,626	10,244	7,963	68,707	68,707
Kentucky	106,453	15,037	27,608	48,011	48,011
Louisiana	48,252	3,960	11,151	19,811	19,811
Maryland	40,517	3,534	1,516	13,517	13,517
Mississippi	101,772	14,880	25,183	35,749	35,749
Missouri	215,575	38,334	55,536	67,247	67,247
North Carolina	157,029	18,240	18,240	64,044	64,044
South Carolina	93,894	3,204	15,716	41,057	41,057
Virginia	118,517	11,517	11,517	44,668	44,668
West Virginia	62,674	1,000	1,000	32,806	32,806

From the above it appears that Kansas heads the list of increased farm acreage since 1870, followed in order by Georgia, Missouri and Iowa. The most active growth of Illinois was between 1850 and 1860. The same is true of Wisconsin, Indiana and California. In all the Southern States the past decade was one of unexampled growth. In that period Alabama, Florida and Georgia more than doubled their farm acreage.—*Detroit Post and Tribune.*

A Scotch mud-ligger operating in the Clyde near Glasgow, Scotland, brought up a sole-leather trunk the other day marked "George Plaisted, Boston." It was lost from the steamer Nevada last September, and the company paid Mr. Plaisted \$1,000 for the loss. After seven months, the trunk comes up, and its contents, found uninjured, exactly tally with Mr. Plaisted's inventory.

The Mocha and Java Myth.

If the official returns of the coffee trade are to be trusted—and presumably they are not greatly in error—the coffee-consuming public of this country has been for a long time past very much deluded. There are a multitude of people in this part of the world who are laboring under the belief that the beverage which they drink at breakfast, and possibly after dinner, is Mocha coffee. The grocer tells them that the article he sells is "pure Mocha," and they have no means of knowing that he is deceiving them, if, indeed, he has not been deceived himself. Some, with a peculiar fastidiousness, insist upon having a mixture, and want one-half or one-third Mocha and the remainder of Java coffee—a request which the grocer seemingly complies with; that is he takes the coffee from two separate compartments. Now, the last completed returns of the coffee production of the world are made up to the year 1878. In that year the estimated growth was 1,082,112,500 pounds, of which Brazil produced 407,127,300 pounds, or nearly one-half. Next came the Dutch East Indian possessions, where the crop amounted to 201,509,200 pounds; while Ceylon, South Africa and the West Indies furnished nearly all of the rest. Arabia, it is true, appears on the list, but its total growth, the Mocha district and the rest of the country combined, was only about 4,500,000 pounds—that is, not quite one-half of one per cent. of the growth of the world.

When it is considered that coffee is extensively used in Arabia, that Mocha comes within the possessions of Turkey, a country peopled with coffee drinkers, and that we have no direct communication with Arabia, one may well hesitate before he accepts the current Mocha fiction of the grocers. It is highly probable that not 10,000 pounds of this article are brought into this country in the course of a year, an amount that would not furnish a day's supply for the inhabitants of New York City. We all, of course, know the flavor of Mocha coffee, and hence cannot be deceived, though in reality probably not one in a thousand of us ever tasted it.—*N. Y. Times.*

The Amber Monopoly.

At Konigsberg, a few days ago, the right to collect amber on the beach near Schwarzwald during a space of twelve years from the 1st of December next was sold to the firm of Becker & Co., which has held the contract during the last twenty-four years. The price paid is 150,000 marks a year—say \$37,000. The Prussian coast of the Baltic, between Memel and Konigsberg, yields more amber than any other known locality, and it is from this source that the great demand for the material in the East is supplied. Originally Konigsberg did a vast business in amber, having some seventy turners, but Dantzig is now the chief seat of the industry, and notably of the manufacture of month-pieces for pipes. In old times the Grand Master of the Teutonic Order enjoyed a monopoly in the amber trade; then it passed to the crown, and very stringent regulations were enacted to prevent its infringement. "Strand-riders" patrolled the coast, and a range of gallows was kept standing in terror, on which the hapless peasant taken with a piece of the precious material in his possession was hanged out of hand. Even now it is a theft for a person to retain a piece of amber he has picked up on the coast, and a trespass to venture there in certain districts. The amber, washed out of extensions of coal-beds beneath the sea, comes up to the shore in the sea-weed cast up after a storm. The men drag the weed on shore in nets, and the women and children pick out the amber. In winter, when the sea is frozen over, holes are broken in the ice and the weed is hauled up with pikes and spears.—*Konigsberg Letter.*

Fish-Balls.

One pint of fish chopped as finely as possible, six large or eight medium-sized potatoes, boiled and mashed fine while hot. Add to them one tablespoonful of butter, half a cup of milk and half a teaspoonful of white pepper and one well-beaten egg. Fish varies so much in saltiness that after it has been added to the potato it is best to taste the mixture and judge if more is required. When thoroughly mixed make into small flat balls, and after flouring them well fry a bright brown in sweet dripping. A still more delicate ball is made by dipping them first in beaten egg, then in crumbs, and frying like croquettes, but when eggs are high the first method will answer. Fat, if cooled and strained after using into a small jar, can be used many times, and a thing is never perfectly free from fat unless it is immersed in it when at actual boiling point. A perfectly fried croquette, rissole, fish-ball or potato should be so dry and free from grease as not to soil the napkin it may be served on.—*Our Continent.*

The shot-gun method of persuasion was tried some time ago in Georgia on a lot of Mormon missionaries, with a view to discouraging them from making converts. It had the effect of making the missionaries seek other fields of labor. Now, in Mississippi, moral suasion has been tried on a similar party of evangelists. They have been notified to leave the State and not come back again. The invitation to depart was couched in such terms that the Mormons at once accepted it without controversy.—*Chicago Herald.*

"Some people," says Alphonse Karr, "are always finding fault with nature for putting thorns on roses; I always thank her for having put roses on thorns."

A Physician's Advice.

Don't expect to cure constipation of the bowels, dyspepsia, indigestion, etc., by the use of severe cathartic medicines. Relief thus obtained is only temporary; when the reaction comes the disease has a firmer hold on the digestive system than at first. The practice of taking cathartic medicines is the cause of a great amount of unnecessary suffering. The dose must be increased from time to time until digestion is impossible without their use, and the liver and bowels eventually become a mass of corruption that death only can relieve. The way to permanently cure weak and imperfect digestion is to purify the blood and strengthen every part of the body by the use of such tonics as Yellow Dock, Sarsaparilla, Juniper, Iron, Celery and Calisaya, all of which ingredients enter into the composition of Dr. Guyot's Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla, the Queen of all health-renewers. It increases the power of endurance and counteracts the pernicious effects of physical or mental exhaustion.

A GAP in the carving knife betokens that a spring chicken has been in the house.—*Boomerang.*

Mr. SIDNEY MCNALLY, of New Richmond, O., writes: "My lungs were weak, my breath came quick and short, my heart palpitated, my dreams disturbed me, my blood was poisoned with scrofula; my back ached, I had dyspepsia, my kidneys were affected. I could not work nor could I even eat with comfort. Life seemed a burden; rheumatism was in every joint; I suffered from piles; urination was painful and full of sediment. I thought I could never get well, but Dr. Guyot's Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla has removed all my afflictions."

WHAT'S in a name? That which we call flower by any other name would taste as good.—*Courier-Journal.*

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"I am afraid of the lightning," said a pretty girl to her lover. "Quite natural," he replied, "when you have a heart of steel."

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INQUIRER: What is the most scarce American coin? Don't know, sir; dollars are quite scarce enough.—*Boston Post.*

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Workmen.

Before you begin your heavy spring work after a winter of relaxation, your system needs cleansing and strengthening to prevent an attack of Ague, Bilious or Spring Fever, or some other Spring sickness that will unfit you for a season's work. You will save time, much sickness and great expense if you will use one bottle of Hop Bitters in your family this month. Don't wait.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

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If you wish to know the climate of any high mountain, why go to it and climb it.—*Chicago Saturday Night.* We ascent.—*Free Press.*

FIRST LADY—"Dear me, I never saw Mrs. Potts look so pale." Second lady—"Nor I! she's probably been out in the wet without an umbrella."

A METHOD has been discovered recently by which good walking shoes can be made from leather. This will have a tendency to relieve the great strain on the pasteboard market.—*Chicago Times.*

A NEW YORK writer says the humorists have had their day. Yes, it is undeniable that there is a marked wane among them.—*N. Y. Independent.*

It was a clever girl who, when her lover, who was too bashful to "speak out," asked her what he should do, replied: "Do write, and fear not."

Men of intellect stand by their ideas; disipated men fall by their rye dears; and men with extravagant wives are ruined by their high dears.

THE Boston Advertiser has discovered that if a man applies himself diligently to getting juice out of an orange he generally sucks seeds.

ARABELLA—"Oh! I do so love a big dog!" George (with a tinge of sarcasm)—"Oh! I don't! I wish I was a big dog!" Arabella—"Don't worry—you'll grow."—*Chicago Tribune.*

A SHOEMAKER advertises a foot-pad that will relieve pains in the foot. The old style foot-pad used to relieve you of everything you had about you.—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

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