

Draining the Zuyder Zee

Some little time ago, we gave an account of the drainage of Haarlem Lake, in the Netherlands, the most gigantic work of the kind ever accomplished. Immense as were its proportions, however, the enterprise is to be surpassed in magnitude by the engineering and industrial undertaking which are resolved, not only to restrain the further intrusion of the sea upon their domains, but to reclaim the vast tracts which have been hitherto wasted from them. After many years of careful test of the project, it has been decided to drain the Zuyder Zee, a salt meadow, 100 miles long and about sixty miles in length and 210 miles in circumference. The area covered by this body of water was once dry, though only, and included the lands which communicated with the sea by a river. In the latter part of the thirteenth century, according to a famous tradition, the ocean broke through its sandy barriers, and pouring over the low lands, united with Lake Flevoe and formed the Zuyder Zee.

That Home-Made Ice-Cream

"Good gracious, ma'am!" said Angelica Crane to her overworked parent, at nightfall of a memorable day—the day that marked the beginning of the young Squire's Christmas holidays at home, and every minute of it crammed and crowded by the courtier's industrious and bustling honor at the Crane homestead—"good gracious! you ain't going to have home-made cream, surely? The young lady of the house, who has been so wonderfully ready, was perched high in the air with disdain. "If there's anything I can't abide, it's that sort of thing, and I don't think that you can make of home-made cream, any way you fix it!"

Useful and Suggestive

In order to soften hard water, either boil it some time or add a quantity of lime water. Sal soda is sometimes used, but it will color the clothes yellow. Many cases of sore mouth in bottle-fed babies are due to the amount of sugar added to their food, and care should be taken to avoid excess in this direction. Yet too little sugar shows itself in the form of indigestion.

What Disease Stave It?

How often do we hear this question asked by persons suffering from distress and pain in the head, with a dull, stupid feeling, pain in the side, back or shoulder, a heavy load on the stomach after eating, a full, bloated sensation at the pit of the stomach that food does not satisfy, a cold, clammy feeling in the hands and feet, with hot flashes at times, a bad taste in the mouth, with foul breath, attended with great depression of spirits, nervous system and evil forebodings, and with a state of weakness that sleep does not relieve, urine scanty at times, with a sediment after standing. One physician calls the disease liver complaint, another kidney disease, another dyspepsia, and still another impurity of the blood. But none succeed in effecting a cure. The fact is that these symptoms indicate that all of these diseases are present together, and to remove these symptoms we must take a remedy that acts upon all of these organs at once. The best article that we know of is made by the Shakers, and is called SALUDA EXTRACT OF ROOTS, OR CURATIVE SYRUP (not a patent medicine). Sold by Druggists and A. J. White, New York.

How to Feed Horses

HAVING selected the food or mixture of food we propose to use, we have now to consider the form in which the food may be most advantageously given. The food should be given in a form that is open to two objections. The log hay is wasted by the animals allowing portions of it to be trampled under their feet, and the whole grain is liable to pass undigested through the alimentary canal. To avoid these sources of loss, we can give the food in a form that is open to two objections. The log hay is wasted by the animals allowing portions of it to be trampled under their feet, and the whole grain is liable to pass undigested through the alimentary canal. To avoid these sources of loss, we can give the food in a form that is open to two objections.

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The Volcano of Mauna Loa

A traveler who made a recent visit to the volcano known as Mauna Loa, in the Sandwich Islands, gives the following account of that wonder of the world: "Mauna Loa is about 14,000 feet in perpendicular height, and presents the appearance of an immense smoking dome, and scientific men suppose it to be nearly a hollow cone, the interior being filled with fire and subterranean gases, and liable to be at any moment by the action of an earthquake. It possesses many craters at different elevations, and the largest of these is continually opening. Its terminal crater, about two and a half miles in length and one in width, extends for miles, and is less active, but the lava was never known to overflow till the fearful eruptions of the summer of 1872. Twenty years previous it was about 200 feet in height, and on the side of Mauna Loa about 10,000 feet above sea level. A column of lava was spouted 200 feet into the air, and formed a molten river a mile wide, which, in its devastating course, filled several ravines from 300 to 500 feet in depth. From another of the side craters a terrific discharge occurred in 1855, destroying with lava-streams an area of 200 square miles. The most violent eruption took place in January, 1859, and continued for ten months, destroying a village and creating a lava-stream forty miles long and six miles wide.

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"Hold your tongue, Angy," said her mother. "You've had me harness up the team and drive away to town and pay out a mint of money, when I kin jest as well have gone to the mill and got prime new freezer, and cream and eggs and ice, without its costin' a cent! What more do you want?"

Useful and Suggestive

To obtain a soap for removing grease spots, dissolve in half a pint of water half an ounce of soda ash, and add a few drops of perfume. To clean a carpet, mix a quart of soda ash with a quart of water, and scrub the carpet with the mixture.

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