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Agricultural Items.

The Iowa Homestead says: "The farmers of Iowa have yet to learn how little-corn is really needed to produce first-class meats, whether beef or pork. where there is abundant grass and hay, Eastern farmers look at us in a kind of a dazed wonderment when we talk of feeding 100 bushels of corn to one steer or twenty bushels to a pig during their natural lives, and we laugh when we see their picayune corn-cribs. The fact is, they understand themselves

and we den't. Maturity of stock has been hastened by good breeding, says the New York Times. That is, a pig or a sheep which matured at three years, or a steer which was ready for slaughter at five years formerly, is now ready for the butcher at less than half these ages. Pigs are said to be ready for pork at nine months, wethers for mutton at twenty months. and a steer at two years, though it is be justly allowed.

The New York milk law provides that "every butter or cheese manufacturer, except those who buy all the milk they use, shall keep a correct acand of the number of pounds and packages of butter, the number and aggregate weight of cheeses made each day, such manufacturers."

A contributor to the Prairie Earmer says that he had over 200 hogs, and had lost half of them by hog cholera. He then dipped ears of corn in Carolina tar, besmearing them, and threw them among the hogs. They ate it greedily, recovery. Another remedy he had -uccessfully used is that of feeding corn in | duce the temperature of the tunnel to the ear, which has been charred black.

A. B. Allen states that he finds wheat bran an unprofitable feed for swine. They do not seem to possess the power of digesting it, consequently much of it passes through them only partially assimilated. If mixed with corn meal it does better, and can be fed with advantage to cattle, along with cut hav, if mixed with it and well wetted, as it then undergoes a second mastication.

or ruta-bagas leave the land clean from weeds, but much less fertile than before they were grown. English farmers say the turnip is a renovating crop, but it is so only by feeding the crop on the ground where it is grown, together with much grain or oil meal.

fertilizers, and should be carefully saved. That from coal is superior to that from wood. It is rich in nitrogen, and benefits all crops to which it may be applied, as well as being an excellent remedy against the attacks of many kinds of insects.

by your horses and it will to them good, says the National Stockman. It is cheap, easily prepared, and should be used frequently in every stable. A California bee keeper takes the position that no plant makes a better

Remember that a bran mash once or

twice a week will be greatly relished

pasture for bees than alfalfa clover. The honey made from it, he says, is almost equal to that made from white

as beef. It is of better quality than that generally grown in the United The Troy Times says the light Brah-ma fowls combine more good qualities

than any other breed. The annual receipts of small fruits in Chicago are estimated at over 1,000,000

It is now recommended to pack eggs in well-dried ashes, to keep them

It is easier to fatten stock in moder-

ate than in cold weather.

Eugenie Among the Dying.

If a dire scourge visits England shall we see respected the example of unpretending heroism given to our royal family by neighboring potentates? Will the house of Hanover emulate the old house of Savoy, or even the courage of the imperial parvenue, Eugenie? Will Queen Victoria, from the safe seclusion of Balmoral or Osborne, limit her pious ministrations to the sending of extra copies of her Highland books to the cholera-stricken patients as a potent opiate to dull their pain, as in the case of the wounded Egyptian soldiers at. Netley hospital, or will she from her preserves give them an additional brace of grouse or from her larder a heavier baron of beef? We scarcely doubt that, but we dare not hope to see her shaking hands with the dying, and imparting by word and touch comfort and hope. It is for such as King Umberto, the gallant son of the soldier king, neither politician nor statesman, perhaps, but brave and simple as all his race, to stand under the still smoking and trembling ruins of an earthquake, or to visit the reeking wards of the ground. At the depth of three and ascend the ladders of pestilential feet was found a ring of ashes five feet garrets; just as his sister, Queen Pia of Portugal, then a youthful bride, smoothed the pillows of the fever patients in Lisbon, and as the ex-empress of the French in 1867 knelt by the pallet of a cholera-stricken man in the hospital at Amiens, and pressed his dying hand. "Thank you, my sister," he murmured half unconsciously, mistaking her for one of the nurses. "It is not a Sister," whispered the

nun in his ear, "it is our empress come to visit us." "Do not correct him," said Eugenie promptly, "he can not give me a nobler

That same day she moved toward a closed door. The head surgeon in attendance begged her not to cross it, as it led to the small-pox ward, and to "Let me see them," she said, "they

suffer, too," and entered. She had as little care for her beauty as for her life, and the crowd outside recognized the abnegation of the wo-man as well as the bravery of the sov-ereign, and she was well-nigh carried in triumph to her carriage, and her at-tendants, when they disrobed her, found that the hem of her garments had been cut and carried off as relies. With the faults and failings of her nature and education, faults that hastened, per-haps, the fall of her short-lived popularity, she had the reckless intrepidity

AN ENGINEERING WONDER. Neurly Seven Miles Longs

The tunnel's gate is imposing. Like the whole of the tunnel it is eight meters broad and seven meters high, and framed in light gray granite, upon which is carved an Austrian imperial eagle and the emperor's name. For the first hundred meters the tunnel forms a curve, but afterwards it pursues its course in one straight line as far as Langen. It is best to take a seat at the right side of the railway car, and then the window may be opened and a reflector lantern will show all the peculiarities of the interesting construction. We were at first startled by the hissing noise made by the train in the narrow vault. The smoke winds in dark volumes along the roofs of the cars, and sinks behind the train, suddenly shutting out the light which had hitherto shown the walls of the tunnel, or had

been visible as a convex lentil.

The engine works with so much steam power that it emits large crops of condensed steam and even ashes. Large white figures mark the distance at every twenty meters. At a height of two meters runs the alarm bell cable. feared that these are greater than may After fifty meters the walls begin to be damp. At every one hundred meters there is a niche for the guard—the niche at three hundred meters contains a signal lantern which can be managed by means of a cable reaching from the stacount of all the milk daily received, tions at either end of the tunnel. At every kilometer, that is every one thousand meters distance, there is a niche twice as deep as the signal-light niches, containing a signal bell, of which the which account shall be open to inspec-tion to any person who delivers milk to whole tunnel contains eleven. There is also a marble slab commemorating the emperor's first visit to the tunnel. Between the fifteenth and sixteenth hundred meters the rain falling uninterruptedly is louder than the noise of the engine. The rain is caught in pipes and conducted into a canal under the and in a week all were on the road to tunnel, which has six fountains of delicious water, whose cool waves re-

13 degrees Reaumur. When the wind comes from the west and the day is clear, it is possible to see the light of day on the western side, called the "Star of Langen," immediately after the fourth kilometer. It is, indeed, but a small star, viewed at the distance of six thousand meters. The highest point of the tunnel is now reached, and the time for economizing steam has come. Later, on when the descent is rapid, the steam is used to prevent the engine from going too fast. from the highes point the train's rapidity increases in an alarming manner and were it not for the never-failing vacuum brake it would not be safe to continue at this rate. At five thousand meters a slab commemorates the day when the two halves of the tunnel met, soot is one of the most valuable of ertilizers, and should be carefully and the thin partition which separated them was knocked through in the presence of several members of the govern-

Three kilometers before Langen the walls are again damp and the water falling from the roof of the vault is sometimes so abundant that curiosity is rewarded by a shower-bath. We now begin to feel the magic influence of the light of day. The wall and the ground beneath us catch it in stripes and cir-cles and we are under the mistaken impression that the snow surrounds us on all sides. At last we clearly see the round opening of the tunnel gate, across which runs the dark blue of the Afflenz bridge. A shrill sound of the whistle, and we have finished our journey through a tunnel measuring 10,352 meters, which we should take two hours to walk through, and which the train Canadian mutton sells for as much traversed in twenty-four minutes. We all drew a breath and felt happy to be on the surface of the earth once more. As we view the bright scene at Longen station, we cannot help pitying the guards of the tunnel, doomed to live a life in a place where no ray of the sun ever penetrates, in gloom and heat and bad air. Happily nature herself ventilates the tunnel, so that no artificial ventilation is necessary.

The tunnel was commenced in Nober, 1880, and completed exactly three years afterwards, on the 19th of November, 1883, when the thin partition in the center was knocked through, and the brave hands that had toiled at so hard a task met in a hearty grasp. The tunnel workers were all dismissed long ago, and only a very few privileg-ed ones witnessed the opening of the line of traffic which their combined labor completed in such an astonishingly short space of time. Even the dwellings which they inhabited and made merry with their noisy southern fun, are beginning to decay and fall asunder. At the inauguration banquet, however, their labors were not forgotten, and those who had lent their brains to the work reminded their grateful guests of the hands which had realized what must to the traveler for many years to come seem a dream .- Cor. London

An Ohio Mound.

An Ohio mound was recently explored. It is located near the center of Morgan township, is about fifty feet in diameter at the base and six feet high, the top being a level circle thirty-five feet across. The investigation showed that the mound was made chiefly of surface soil and formed wholly on top wide and two feet deep, containing bits of charcoal. The diameter of the ring is about twenty feet. In and about this ring were found human bones that had evidently been burned. Inside this, lying at the very bottom of the mound on the original soil, were found in a tolerable state of preservation the skeletons of four full grown persons, one of them a woman, upon whom lay the bones of a well-developed infant. The bodies were buddled together without any systematic arrangement. The skulls were of good size and shape. Only the bones of one showed signs of fire.—Philadelphia Press.

Carlyle on Daniel Webster. Carlyle met Daniel Webster at breakfast one morning, and has left a portrait of this noticeable politician: "I will warrant him," he says, "one of the stiffest logic buffers and parliamentary athletes anywhere to be met with in our world at present—a grim, tall, broad-bottomed, yellow-skinned man, with brows like precipitous cliffs, and huge, black, dull, wearied, and yet unweariable looking eyes under them; amphorous, projecting nose and the an-griest shut mouth I have seen anywhere. A droop on the side of the upper lip is quite mastiff-like-magnificent to look upon; it is so quiet withal. I guess I should dislike iil to be that

man's nigger. However, he is a right

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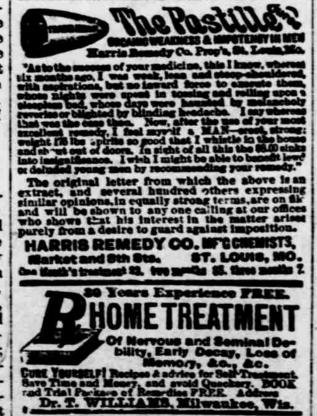
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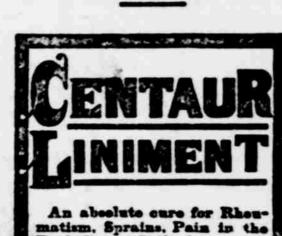
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