FARM AMD HOUSEHOLD. Climate and Food on Wool.

In a recent article the Western Rural ways that climate has an effect upon hat the New England mills pay a out a paying gain. higher price for wool that comes from Southern Ohio, Western Pennsylvanna and portions of Western Virginia than for wool which comes from any part of They may be fed any time from the the United States. There is a different texture to it. That climate has some effect is no doubt true, but the effect is rather indirect than direct. It has been claimed that the soil has an effect. That is true, too, but it is an indirect effect. The wool and fur of animals in a cold climate differ from the wool and fur of animals in a warm climate. But weather as cold as "Greenland's icy mountains" will not cause wool to grow. It is a wise provision of nature that the animal in a cold country shall be protected, but nature furnishes the covering by giving the animal a larger capacity for the consumption of food. This difference is due, not to a cold or warm temperature, but to the food. It is possible, too. that in certain sections there is greater system in management. Do not let us get the idea into our heads that anything, climate or other circumstances, can relieve us from the responsibility of good management.

Excessive Swarming.

It is easy to get lots of bees and the winter. little honey, says the Iowa Homestead. Expense of hives to shelter bees that only board themselves is a burden, and it is unsatisfactory to lug hives in and out of cave or cellar for the mere fun of the thing. We use hives that are interchangeable-one will sit on top of the other. It can be tiered to any height. In the season of 1888, when bees got into a swarming spree and got beyond our control, and when we were too busy to potter and fuss with them, we just let them swarm, hiving and saving all we could. We hived thean on clean, new frames, with starters. When the fall honey was at its best, last August, we doubled up ten stands as an experiment. To do of jelly; beat the whites of six eggs to this, first, set the clean, bright combs of hives to be united in the stand to be placed on top. Place it on the other, in which has been placed the brown comb containing bee-bread and most of brood. They will fight some, but if of milk one-half hour, yolks of four honey is coming in fast it will not last eggs, one pint of milk; boil ten long. Smoke them severely and drum minutes then add the whites of the on the side of hive and set them to roaring, and they will soon kill off one | cold. queen and get acquainted. These five stands gained 400 pounds surplus in section honey.

Chichen Cholera.

The Poultry-Keeper remedy is doubt-

it is a most hazardous way to start them, for they are liable to come to B winter quarters burned out, lacking in vigor and digestive powers, which makes it exceedingly probable that yool, and, to prove it, cites the fact they will go through the winter with-

Beets for Stock.

No succulent food is more greedily eaten by pigs at any age than beets. first thinnings during the growing season to the fully grown roots in winter. They are especially valuable as a part of the winter food for breeding sows, and some beets should always bo saved for that purpose.

Water for Trees.

All plants and trees consume water in large guantities. Sir John Laws discovered that an acre of barley will take up 1,094 tons of water in two days. letter. Trees and plants are composed more largely of water than any other substance. The branch of a tree will lose nine-tenths of its weight by drying.

A Bad Practice,

It is a serious mistake to stall pigs at any season, but the more so in the fall. Spring pigs with an abundance of succulent grasses hastily recover from the blunders made by their owners in feeding, but the fall pigs have not this great system renovator to aid them. and suffer in consequence throughout

A Few Delicacies.

CHOCOLATE CAKE,-Cream one cup of sugar with a piece of butter the size of an egg, add two eggs, one cup of sweet milk, one and two-thirds cups of flour and two teaspoons of baking powder; bake in layers, For the filling take one-half cup of grated chocolate, one cup of sugar, three tablespoons of sweet milk; let it heat slowly in a saucepan, and when it boils stir in a teaspoon of cornstarch wet with cold* milk; simmer until it thickens. ROCK CREAM .- Sweeten one cup of boiled rice and put in a deep dish; lay

on it, in different places, small squares a froth with a little powdered sugar; -add one tablespoonful of cream and pour over the rice.

TAPIOCA CUSTARD PUDDING. - Threetablespoons of tapioca soaked in a cup eggs; flavor with vanilla and serve

STEAMED PUDDING .- One cup each of flour, sugar and sour milk, two cups large frames, which brought \$45, sell- of raisins, two eggs, one teaspoon of not pass until after midnight, and that ing 2 to 3 cents less per pound than soda and a pinch of salt; steam one I would thus be delayed many hours. hour.

whole new corn. While this is true, THE MYSTERIOUS MESSENGER.

An Envelope That Caused a Father's Hair to Turn White. It was a few evenings ago that an ex-congressman sat with a couple of

newspaper correspondents and a gov- ocrat recounting a visit to the Moqui of indigo and racing fame, as narrated the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. They were discussing politics, and the excongressman was talking when he was interrupted by a knock at the door. In response to an invitation the door was opened and a messenger boy stood at the entrance. In his hand was an

envelope with a heavy black border. It was such as those used to enclose a death message or to indicate deep mourning. The boy paused for a moment, evidently speculating in his mind as to the proper person to receive the

Finally he tendered it to the ex-congressman, who was nearest the door. That individual turned pale and trembled, but extended his hand as if to take the message. He hesitated an instant and his hand dropped nerveless. A second time he essayed to take the message from the boy, and again he

failed. It was only after the third effort that he was apparently able to reach it, and by that time the government official for whom it was intended had come to the door, read the address and took the message from the trem-

bling hand that had received it. "Ah," said he, after opening and reading it, "it's only a note from an office seeker. Why it should be in mourning I don't know. As the office seeker is a woman, I presume it is merely a feminine freak. Everybody had noticed the strange

demeanor of the ex-congressman, and, observing that an explanation was expected, he finally said: "I think the use of black-bordered envelopes ought to be prohibited by

law. The very sight of one unnerves me. When I tell you why you may doubt the truth of the tale, but it is true, nevertheless. Ten years ago I district. At the close of a speech one afternoon I received a telegram from

home stating that my boy, the idol of my life, was dying, and that if I wished to see him alive I must come at once. I went immediately to the hotel, took my satchel and started for the depot. There was no passenger train due for some hours, but a freight train was pulling out, and I jumped aboard. It was late when I reached the little town on the river where I could take a

a strange hand the single sentence:

and, securing his services, started down

had originally intended to come. I

rushed to the house and was ushered

into the presence of my dying boy. As

I approached the bedside he recognized

" 'Papa, I've been waiting for you.

"You must come quick."

boat for home. I hurried to the wharf it himself. and found that the steamboat would

FOAM SAUCE .- One cup of sugar, the steamboat or hire a boat and leave shaking of rattles, and a low buzzing

A SNAKE DANCE.

Extraordinary Religious Ceremony Exciting Encounter with a Big of an Arizona Indian Tribe.

When we reached the top of the mesa, says a writer in the Globe-Dem- remarkable adventure of W. H. Abbott,

ernment official in the latter's room in Indians, we found the Indians in holl- by a writer in the Military Gazette: a big hotel in this city, says a writer in day attire, which in most instances consisted of a breech clout of gaudy- told us that there was a huge alligator colored stuff, and a bunch of eagle under the bridge of the river. Sending feathers fastened in the hair. The for a gun and a couple of bullets, we fested, as witness the following: children ran about entirely nude, and went up to the bridge, and, sure enough, it was wonderful to see them playing about 20 yards off, there was an on the very brink of precipices hun- enormous "ghurial" some 20 feet long, time-card scheduled, the engineer is dreds or feet high. They are climbers from the time they learn to crawl, for him between the eyes, and the brute, houses are generally entered by means mortally wounded, plunged into deep of a ladder leading down into the inwater, rolling over and over, and was terior from an opening in the roof. carried by the tide down toward the The Moquis have a host of gods, the principal one of whom is Omauwu, or cloud god, the deity who sends moist-

ure and rain. It is to him that their supplications are generally addressed, but, strange to say, they locate the abode of the gods in the under world instead of above the earth. They believe in the existence of the "Snake People," a supernatural race, who hold direct communication with the gods, and it is through them that all messages from the earth are delivered. Snakes of all kinds are supposed to

have sprung from the "Snake People." and to hold constant intercourse with them. For this reason they are regarded with superstitious awe. The snake dance is a festival in which the

snakes are shown the greatest reverrough-and-tumbled ensued. ence, and songs are sung which are intended to express all of the wishes which the people wish the snakes to curry to the gods. After the dance the snakes are turned loose and are supposed to start immediately on

their journey to the under world, where they deliver their messages to the gods. The first preparation for the

snake dance is the capture of a large number of all kinds of snakes. No particular species is required, but the rattlesnake is the kind usually taken. as they are abundant among the rocks and sage-brush of the mesas and was making a political canvass in my plains. The snake dancers, some fifty in number, are made up of two mystic orders, the "Antelopes" and "Snakes," or snake men. The mysteries of these orders are kept a profound secret, and the only information which their members will impart is that their souls have been transformed into the souls of antelopes and snokes. A Moqui of these orders will tell you with the greatest assurance, "I am a snake," or "I am an antelope," and he really seems to believe The dance began with a low chant,

in which the blessings of the gods were invoked, and the only musical I was undecided whether to wait for accompaniment was the incessant

and,

to the doctor at Mozufferpore, taking

one-half cup of butter, one tablespoon at once. While I stood on the wharf sound made by some of the men.

A PRETTY TALL STORY. TUSSLE WITH A 'GATER.

Mouthed Monster.

Remarkable Feat of Railroading In Colorado.

Among the recent invigorated liars Following are the particulars of of the town is one who has just returned from a session with ozone in Colorado, says the Omaha World-Herald. It was his first trip through the moun-It was in the rains when the jamadar jains and he was much affected by the feats of engineering skill there mani-

"I had heard of the curve on the Pennsylvania, where, according to the with his head just visible above the obliged to lean out of his cab and exwater. A well-directed shot caught change tobacco with the brakeman on the rear end, so as to give the passengers something to talk about, and I now believe it. There was an old, bungalow, which was a quarter of a honest, horny-handed miner rode over mile off. Abbott seized a long rope the road out of Denver with me and he told me several things. Once while lying there, and rapidly made a slipknot in it, and, declaring that he was we were being jerked around the edge of the mountains and could look out not going to lose so lovely a skin, from under the roots of our hair at the kicked off his boots, and just as he was track opposite in the valley he told me -in socks, breeches and shirt-jumped into the river, giving me and a lot of a tale. Said he:

"That yere track down yan is the other natives the other end of the rope one we're onto, but we won't tech it to hold. He got well into the middle of the stream and was quietly treading fer an hour. We run up the ravine water while we were all anxiously an' down the side of the mountain an' watching, when suddenly within two double back. Down that is wher' Sim feet of the swimmer the alligator Lyle saved the paymaster o' the road.' How? I inquired. plunged straight up out of the water.

mout foremost, as alligators generally " 'It were this way: The paymaster's car was hitched onto the hind end do when hit in the head. Without the least hesitation Abbott flung both arms o' the freight train, his own engine right aroung the snout and a regular havin' had a little trouble with her runnin' gear an' bein' abandoned fer awhile up the road. Well, the train Presently the brute's whole body apwas snortin' and crawlin' aroun' the peared. Abbott calmly mounted him, mountain when all of a sudden the back evidently trying the while to disenbrakeman comes a runnin' up an' yells gage the slip-knot. which had now

got tight round his own arm, and to to Jim: " 'Pull out! Pull out! They's a shove it over the brute's head. Then gang o' rustlers has eaught the engine the alligator started swimming and we an' are humpin' after us! Pull?' following down the bank, when, just

"Well, Jim Lyle noticed that. He as we were opposite the bungalow, he pulled dead up, brought his tail out of seen at wunst that the engine had been fixed up an' that the rustlers had took the water, and with a fearful side sweep capsized Abbott, snapping at her to ketch him an' git the dust in the cigars. him as he fell. Then came another paymaster's car, so he pulled out right Out of 246 men passing along Main street peart an' tried to outrace 'em, but it fight such as I never wish again to see, wan't no go. They kep' gittin' up on the pair eventually disappearing be-

neath the water. We hauled away at him. "Pretty soon he struck the beginnin' the rope, thinking it was still attached o' this yere curve. He didn't slack a to Abbott, when unexpectedly we saw breath an' the conductor come rushin' him come up a few yards from the up an' bellered: bink, evidently almost senseless. A

" 'Fer God's sake, what kin we do? Rajpoot peon jumped in and dragged If we run this we'll climb a rail.' his master up the slope. He was "'Sallright,' said Jim Lyle. 'If bleeding awfully, and was a gruesome calclate rightly that car's saved.' an sight-shirt in ribbons, arms and chest torn all over, both hands badly maim- he gave another pull out an' just as ed, and the right foot completely we reaches right here he jerked her crushed. He came to at once, and wide open. Then we see what was only said. "The rope's safe over his what. Lookin' back, I bein' on the nose;" and so it was, sure enough; for train, seen the last coach go up in the the natives to whom I had thrown the air, there was a jerk, an' away over rope were busily engaged in hauling into the canyon she went." "Well, where does the salvation of

the defunct saurian on shore. I never saw a man in such a mess; the coach come in? I asked. 'I didn't and, to add to the horror, down to the see any particular advantage in being spilled over a mountain-side and being edge of the river, just as we had dragshot by train-robbers.' ged up her half-killed husband, rushed

WINGED MISSILES.

Printing was introduced in England, by Caxton, in 1471.

A charter has been granted for the first railroad in Liberia.

The Pope has a full set of pearly white teeth well preserved.

Alaska cost the United States government 2 cents an acre.

Of the English bench of bishops, twelve are pledged abstainers.

The United States purchased Florida from Spain, Feb. 22, 1819.

Machinery has not yet entered the manufacture of French clay pipes.

The spawn of most fish sinks, but that of cod rises to the surface of the water. A buried city, containing relics in profu-

sion, has been unearthed in Honduras. A Londoner advertises that he is "Porous Plaster Manufacturer to Her Majesty the

Oueen. It is reported that a floating island 300 yards in diameter has been found in Honey lake, Idaho.

Buffalo Bill is spending considerable money in making a collection of French paintings of value.

It is a curious fact that there are 200,00) people in the United States who have artificial legs or hands.

A well in the south, from which a strong breeze rushed for years, has suddenly taken to spouting water.

Miss Lincoln, daughter of Minister to England Robert Lincoln, has become an acknowledged belle in London.

British soldiers not in possession of swimming certificates are forbidden to enter boats for purposes of recreation.

The finest diamonds visible at the Shah's visit to the Paris exhibition are said to have been worn by Mrs. Whitelaw Reid.

Tennyson, Darwin, Gladstone, Lincoln, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Edgar Allen Poe and Lord Houghton were born in the year 1809.

It is estimated that a major-general in citizen's clothes deteriorates fifty per cent, more especially if he smokes common

in Cincinnati on a recent afternoon 210 had lost one or more of the hind buttons off their coats.

There are still over 10,000,000 square miles of unoccupied districts in various heathen lands, where missionaries thus far have never entered.

A London journal states shirts of chain armor, which cost about \$50), are now worn by more than one distinguished person on the continent

A San Francisco jeweler has just received \$700 for diamonds which he sold twentyfive years ago. The purchaser was honest but he had bad luck.

A brakeman on the Chicago & Alton locked three murderous tramps in a refrigerator-car. They have an ice way of doing things on that line.

The drivers of Boston ice wagons suffernore from the heat las the draymen, although having a temperature of 519 at their backs.

acid to one and a half pints of water.

and let the birds eat what they will of it. If they do not eat give them a teaspoonful of the water twice a day; the same with turkeys. If they do not improve, take one gill crude petroleum, one gill kerosene oil, one tablespoonful of pulverized boracic acid, and one teaspoonful of carbolic acid. Shake well before using, and with a sewingmachine can, force ten or twelve drops down the throat of the sick bird twice a day. Keep the bird warm and dry, and give no drinking water with this treatment. If they will eat, give the soft food (corn meal is best), mixed with the carbolic acid and water."

Another good remedy that has been recommended is hyposulphite of soda, 4 parts; red pepper. 1 part; rosin, 1 part; rhubarb, 1 part. Give each fowl a teaspconful, and repeat every hour until relieved. It is a strong purgative, and after cleaning out the germs of disease give each bird a few drops of tincture of iron in a spoonful of warm Post. One of those not infrequent, but water.

Keeping Sweet Potatoes.

We would say to a correspondent who inquires about keeping sweet potatoes, says the Western Rural, that the afternoon, and various people were they can be kept for several months in starting for home, among them a man an ordinary cellar if he is careful in and woman, who had a remarkable handling them. They should be thor- intelligent looking gray horse. Just oughly dried before being put away, as he began to trot down the lane by that the messenger had never appeared hissing mass in the ring, and then and so carefully handled as not to which the stable is reached from the to any one but me, and that I alone had the dancers fearlessly thrust their bruise them. The drying may be done street, a stout "party" who, I noticed, in the sunshine, spreading them out had been watching the gray very incarefully so that the sun can get at tently, suddenly cried out in a loud them, and carefully covering them at voice: "Dan, don't you want a piece of me with the greatest dread and ap- suakes, then dashed away at full speed, night so that the dews will not get on cake?" The horse stopped short. them. Or they may be dried in a kiln. pricked up his ears, looked around and For family use drying in the sunshine uttered a faint whinny of recognition would of course, be the cheapest and and assent; nor would he go on until would answer all purposes. The cellar | the stout man had come forward and in which they are kept should be dry, explained his interference. It appearand it is better when possible to so ed that several years before he had put them away as that the air can brought the horse from Vermont, have free access through them.

Dressing Grass Land.

Some farmers top-dress their grass land directly after having. Others prefer to wait until late in the fall. Those who have tried both methods prefer to top-dress late in the season. When the manure is spread upon the "elds directly after having, if there is the horse may have changed in dis-+ protracted spell of dry weather, the position, one word from a former dressing becomes so dry and hard that | master will establish immediately the it takes a long time to render it solu- old relation between them. ble, so that its fertilizing elements can be appropriated by the grass roots. When applied just before the ground freezes the action of the frosts serves to disintegrate the lumps. The fall rains and early snows render it soluble, and its effects upon the grass will be plainly visible in early spring. Late top-dressing is preferable on the whole.

Catching Hawks.

If there is some predatory enemy of the poultry that diminishes their numbers by day it is probably the hawk. He will pounce down at the most unexpected times and swoop up chickens, tearing them to pieces for his bloody feast. Set a pole in the ground fifteen or more feet high, squaring the top just large enough to hold a steel trap already set. No bate will be needed, but

of flour; beat to a cream, place over less a good one, and is as follows: "Add of nour; beat to a crean, place over appeared before me. Before I could antelope and snake men separated, the a teaspoonful of strong liquid carbolic | fourths of a pint of boiling water; flavor with nutmeg.

> **Buried Treasures.** 'Tis true my later years are blest With all that riches can bestow. But there is wealth, wealth cannot buy, Hid in his mines of "long ago."

There jealous guard does Memory keep; Yet sometimes, when I dream alone. She comes and takes my hand in hers, And shows me what was ence my own.

I revel 'mong such precious things; I count my treasures o'er and o'er; I learn the worth of some, whose worth, Ah me! I never knew before. And then all slowly fade away,

And I return to things you know, With empty hand and tear-filled eyes, Back from the mines of "long ago."

A Horse's Memory.

I happened to be the witness of an me with a smile, and then said: odd scene the other day which, when recounted, may possibly amuse the reader, says a writer in the Boston that the message I had received had

I must confess usually fictitious. necessities had arisen which take me to a stable-on this occasion to a large establishment in the vicinity of Chardon street. It was about 5 o'clock in

> looking message intended for you. "You will observe that my hair is

white, although I am yet a young man. Before that eventful night my hair was as black as a raven's wing. where he owned him for some time, "After I received the black-bordered and as the beast was particularly docile he had taught him the true sense letter from the mysterious messenger.

who came to me at the boat landing of the question the sudden asking of which brought the animal to a stand- that night, a feeling come over me never forget a person or place, and awful agony of that trip down the scarcely an event. No matter how river will remain fresh in my memory much time has elapsed or how greatly until death ends all. When I reached

was a barn, a well and some tile ditchtools suitable to conducting scientific farming. The last time I inventoried and the mortgage covering the property. But if he will come back by

hesitating a messenger boy suddenly say anything he thrust into my hand a former drawing themselves up in a white envelope with a heavy black line to the right of the snake tent, and border. A strange feeling came over the latter moving in single file in a me, and it was only by the greatest circle in front of them. One of the effort that I was able to open the letter. snake men next entered the snake tent The apprehension I felt in the few mo- and in a moment came out carrying a ments was awful, for 1 knew it must great rattlesnake in his mouth. The contain dreadful news. When finally

snake was held firmly between the I looked at the letter there appeared in dancer's teeth, and the head and body of the reptile were entirely free, the Indian carrying the snake in his I knew that I must hurry if I would mouth, closing his eyes and allowing see him alive. The message decided himself to be led around the ring by me, and at once I sought a boatman,

one of his companions, who continually stroked the head of the rattler with the river. I reached home some hours the eagle feather which he carried in ahead of the steamboat upon which I | his hand. One after the other the snake men

from 10 o'clock Tuesday till 7 o'clock the next morning to do the twenty entered the snake tent and bringing out miles. the reptiles until the last one had been removed. Some of the dancers took

Alex. H. Stephens' Kindness. as many as five or six small snakes in The grave of Rio, Mr. Stephens' their mouths at one time, while others "Those were his last words, and in danced around with several in their a moment he was dead. I then knew hands. While the dance was going on the antelopes kept up a continual his departure for the governor's mancome from him, and that he had been shaking of their rattles, and chanted waiting for me. None of my family or messages which they wished the friends had seen the message nor did snakes to carry to the gods. After all throwing a rock at him." The many they know anything about it. After- of the snakes had been removed from sheds around the premises recall his ward I made the most searching in- the tent the dancers gathered around remark that he would never own anyquiries at the town where I waited for a ring which had been marked on the thing that he couldn't cover. Under the bcat, but nobody had seen the ground by a circle of sacred meal, and one of these sheds the close carriage messenger or ever heard of him. Not at a given signal all of the snakes in which he made his last campaign the slightest trace of him was to be were thrown to the center in a heap. for congress still stands, much the found, and I was led to the conclusion | For a moment there was a squirming, worse for wear. In this carriage he was driven by faithful Harry and pulled by the "noted "flea-bitten grays," and in it he received ovations hands in among the snakes and boldly "You can understand now why a grasped as many as they could hold. in every country in the eitghh disblack-bordered envelope always fills Each man, with both hands full of trict. His open carriage is in good repair, in the ownership of Mrs. Sanprehension, and why it was that 1 and did not stop until he had made his ford, and will yet do valuable service. turned pale and trembled when the way down the narrow trail into the An innocent old quarter-witted darkey messenger boy who just appeared in valley below. Here the snakes were shows alike the liberality of Liberty the door tendered me the ominous turned loose, some heading toward the Hall of the past and present. He looks south and others toward the remaining like Darwin's missing link and is as points of the compass. useless as any creature that crawls.

Alpine Funerals. A clue to the origin of the Irish wake

and other funeral pomposities, which we are sometimes inclined to regard as relics of barbarism, may be found in still. It is well known that horses such as I never knew since. The the funeral customs of some of the Alpine regions. The circle of acquaintance of the more prosperous people of the villages often extends over miles. of country; and the friends of a deceased proprietor will make long journevs to attend his funeral. The dictates of hospitality require that their physical wants be provided for, or, if not, they will meet at the inn and naturally have something very like a feast. In some districts, even before Whitepark, Castle Douglas, says the death occurs and the patient is in his last agonies, all around are informed ceremonial last visit. They enter the sick room, take a long look at the dying man and go their ways. After materi I was frequently removed, the death, when the body has been prepared for burial, a table is spread cov-

When the honors came upon the

" 'Now don't git frisky,' said the old his young wife, wringing her hands naturally, half out of her man, 'I'm tellin' this yere an' I an't wits with terror. While she was done. That there coach, as I say, standing over him, and the servants sailed over offin the track just like the were carrying him to the house, he hind boy did when you used to play was singing, "Home They Brought Her | "crack the whip" at school. It floated down as nice as you please an' lit on Warrior Dead." A nice time of it we had out in a jungle, with no appliances | the track below in the valley an' with to tie the severed arteries, and with a the force it was slung rolled ten miles patient who would insist on trying to to the next station. When we got get out of bed to see how the skinning there it was on the sidin' an' we pulled by, an' when the light engine load o' of the alligator was getting on. We tried to hire kahars, but the whole rustlers come bullin' along the townspeople was waitin' fer 'em an' the new country was under water, and they refused to budge from home; so we put cemetery was started in good shape."" him into a shampony and took him in-

How a Missouri Legistator Got the Floor. Stilson Hutchins a well-known news-

paper man of Washington, D. C., says Henry George's Standard, used to live in Missouri, and at one time represented his district in the legislature, of

favorite dog, reminds one of the re- which body he was elected the speaker. mark which he made to his servants on There was in the same legislature a member from another district-a man sion: "If a dog passes here open the Hutchins had conceived a prejudice gate and give him a bone instead of against. This man wanted to bring up a bill in the interest of his constituency. but he never seemed able to catch the speaker's eye. Day after day he would wait until routine matters had been cleared away, when he would rise in his place and, in the peculiar Missouri high treble, address the president officer, but without receiving that recognition without which no member of a parliamentary body can proceed. The member finally became tired of such treatment and one morning after the house had been called to order the marched in with a rifle on his shoulder, which, when he reached his seat, he leaned up against his desk. He sat there quietly until he thought the routine business was about all disposed of. when he picked up his rifle and cocked it. When the last motion had been put He has been hero fifty years. In anand disposed of our friend arose, placed swer to any question he says: "My his rifle against his shoulder, drew a name is Mr. Col. Lewis Hawkins; I bead on Speaker Hutchins, and drawled was called dat by old marster; I'se out, "Mr. Speaker." There was a always boa'ded at Liberty Hall;" and silence as of death in the assembly that is the extent of his information .chamber for a few moments, which was finally broken by the speaker himself, who slowly and distinctly said: "The gentleman from ---- has the It costs only a few cents to cure the floor." The member lowered his rifle, worst case of rheumatism, says a New uncocked it, and then, as if nothing

Foot-Cramping in China.

before the legislators.

Our esteemed Chinese contemporary, the heat is distributed over a large surface. Continue to do this for five Hu Pao, says the N Y. Sun, has been minutes, and bearing as much heat as investigating the origin of foot-cramping by Chinese women. The practice is of very ancient date. Some affirm one teaspoonful of finely pulverized that it arose in the time of the five table salt, thoroughly mixed with one dynasties-that is in the tenth century A. D. Jao Niang, the mistress of Li Yu, the last emperor of these dynasties, tied up her feet with silk into the shape of the crescent moon, and all the other beauties of the time imitated her. The literature of previous dynasties does not allude to the custom. During the a chisel and hammer. the treatment every day and at the end reign of King Hi (1664 A. D.) an their district. But the fashion was too give the proper reply with his eyes shut.

strong, and in 1668, at the instigation There was never so great hope for Mexico of the board of ceremonies, this edict

George Johnson, of Utice, paid \$1,200 for a trotting horse, and he hadn't owned him a week when a rat frightened him so that he jumped and broke a leg.

The prize pumpkin at the county fair may consider itself handsome and popular, but it is not so strong a favorite as the prize onion on the next shelf.

Bombay has a serpent thirty-six feet long in its zoological garden. Let this reptile be seen swimming at sea and the man who reported it would be called a liar.

Some one told a South Carolina negrothat if he would drink a gallon of strong vinegar right down that he would never have headache again. He never will

Fish have been caught in the Guif of California at a depth of 1,4)0 feet. It must be fun to pull in a half a mile of fish line and find a three-ounce perch on the

The formation of an orange trust in Boston is announced. The number of spinsters in that city leads to the suspicion that an orange-blossom trust has long exist. ed there.

A Chicago alderman whipped two citizens Sunday night for standing on a street corner. It is hard to say what he would have done if they had been standing in the middle of a block.

It is estimated that the amount of gold and silver coin on the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean is about \$50,000,000, and it is further estimated that most of it will stay right where it is.

The Japanese are learning how to eat meat. In 1885 only 30,000 head of cattle were slaughtered in all Japan. In 1886 the number increased to 116,000; in 1887, to 130,-500; in 1888, to 200,000,

Col. North, who began life in England as a humble laborer, is now the nitrate king, and pays Chili \$1,725,000 per year export duties on nitrates produced by one of his works in that country,

A burglar who was captured by a woman at Elizabeth, N. J., says he could have broken loose from two men. She got him by the hair and hung on, and nothing he could do would shake her loose.

. The Queen Regent of Spain has caused advertisements to be published in all the leading newspapers of her dominions offering the two prizes, \$5,790 and \$2,895, for the two best essays on the life of Christopher Columbus.

A Memphis policeman, who was called on to shoot a dog, managed to hit a boy in the leg, a man in the foot and a horse in the head, and, while he was scattering two or three more bullets along the street, the dog trotted off.

William O'Hare, of Williamsburg, N. Y., was denounced in public by Chartes Masters as "a pious old fraud with the instincts of Satan," and a jury assessed the damages of \$3,000. Mr. Masters said he supposed this was a free country.

A West Virginian trained a tiny stream of water to fall drop by drop on a rock, and in five years it has worn a hole seven inches deep in solid stone. He could have made the same hole in tifteen minutes with

"Can the mosquito be exterminated?" is edict forbade foot-cramping under a question which some people seem to think various penalties, the local officials be- | difficult to answer. Yet any man who has ing held responsible in some degree experimented vainly with one mosquito for violation of the law by people in from bed-time to the breakfast hour can

as now. An editor has been chosen as sential that the internal remedy should was withdrawn. It is still universal president of the Mexican Congress, which means vice-president of the republic. The only thing necessary to absolutely insure the prosperity of the country is that some In the quaint, grass-grown old bur- disability befall the president.

ered with refreshments, and apen house held till the funeral. Grant's Gallantry.

fected. Meanwhile the patient should Grants, says America, the mistress of take internally four times a day a mixthe white house began to renew the ture composed of two drams of wine of himself it would raise its wings and dream of her girlhood-to have her colchicum, two drams iodide of potash hiss as if angry at the intrusion. When cross-eyes straightened. Wishing to and one pint of water. The dose is his niece went, as was generally the surprise the president, Mrs. Grant

home and stood at the bedside of my boy my hair was as white as snow. It has darkened some in the years that

have since passed, but it will never be

black again.'

A Tomtit's Queer Nest. In the letter box at the farm of Pall Mall Gazette, there was to have nest, containing five young birds. Though when building the nest the

my agricultural assets I was short two potato bug sprinklers, one half-dozen clevises and two cotton binder covers. They have been secured by some accumulating cuss, and if any friend should notice a chap decorated with a log chain, six clevises, two potato bug sprinklers and two canvases, each 9x17 letters out at the aperture by which the feet in size, I wish they would tell the postman had put them in. If Mr. fellow he forgot to steal the drive-way, McAdam happened to open the box 200 yards of blind ditch, 197 stumps,

Adjoining the Wesson farm I had a piece of land, writes Geo. Hubbard in the Flint, Mich., Journal. On the land

A Card That Speaks for Itself.

ing. In the barn was some farming been seen a week or so ago a tomtit's of the fact, and expected to make a mother bird by its perseverence gained its way; the nest was built and five eggs safely hatched. During the incubation letters were frequently found right over the little dame, and at other times it managed to push some of the

her to stroke its plumage.

haters, "There aren't any."

seen the message.

should be firmly bound to the pole with rope or chain. The hawk will fill his skin so full of bird shot and will quickly trap himself, when he other chinking that his mother can't lights to make his customary observa- tell the seat of his pants from a

The Value of Bran.

Farmers who live near flouring mills can buy bran and other ship stuffs more cheaply in August and September than at any other season of the year. The demand for this is less now than it is later in the season, when other feed becomes scarce. Besides, millers are filling up all available room the profit on it is small. If farmers have an extra dry room they can hardwith bran and fine middlings.

Feeding Fall Pigs. The most convenient and the easiest way to feed fall pigs is to give them | ever.

appointment, divine or otherwise. I colander.

The Grave of Daniel Webster. The tomb of Webster occupies the to a Baltimore American writer: center of a large lot surrounded by a "These yere hants ought to be ashamed high iron fence. The vault is entirely of theirselves. We've got trouble covered by soil and is only opened on enough in this world without being ed wistfully into those dear eyes which the death of one of the family. The bothered with 'em, and 'long as we had held him with tender gaze through tomb was last opened in 1862 to receive pay pretty smart for givin' 'em sleep-the remains of Fletcher Webster, who ing places in the graveyards they said, in his simple way, "My dear, I with wheat. Bran, in proportion to was shot and killed at the last battle of ought to have sense enough to stay wish you would not change them. I the space it occupies costs little, and Bull Run. In the tomb are the bodies there." This philosopher was right. love them as they are, and they would of children and grandchildren. Not a Ghosts are entirely unnecessary. The drop of Webster blood now remains in earth is living. The ghosts have the lot, nor Romeo; nor lover of any clime ly put it to better use than filling it existence. The last living member of unmeasured vastness of the universe or age, ever spoke words of tenderer the family is the wife of Fletcher for a pic-nic ground, and they ought Webster. On her death the tomb will to stay there. But in spite of abundonce more open to receive her remains, ant stories, it can be said of ghosts and will then be closed and sealed for- what the old major said of woman

Ghosts Superfluous. Ghosts are superfluities. An old to accomplish and without danger. Maryland colored man once remarked | The good lady could not contain herself for joy, and, woman-like, gave way when she saw her husband, and

confided to him her secret, the pleas-

ure she had in store for him. He look-

seem strange if altered." Nor Launce-

gallantry. Hay fever will make even the most un-Haute Express.

one tablespoonful before meals and on case, it was quite pleased and allowed | telling nobody, sent for the most emigoing to bed. It is not absolutely esnent oculist in America. He willingly be taken, but it helps. I was on crutchpromised to undertake the operation er four years and cured myself in seven which he assured her would be easy days.

Columbus, Ga., Sun.

Cure for Rheumatism.

be exposed to the heat of a stove, un-

til the skin begins to redden and smart.

Then rub the spot with the hand until

possible without blistering. Have

ready at hand a mixture composed of

tablespoonful of molasses-golden syrup.

Apply this mixture as a salve to the af-

reddened and rubbed with the hand.

No matter how long the inflammatory

rheumatism may have existed, almost

instant relief will be felt. Continue

of a week a permanent cure will be af-

fected part after the skin has been well

Jim Fisk on Cemeteries.

ial-ground just back of his own farm is Denman Thompson, it is reported, the last resting-place of this great man. has built at his own expense a solid His tomb occupies the centre of a large cut-stone wall in front of the old ceme- lot surrounded by a high iron fence. tery in West Swanzey, N. H. Apropos The vault is entirely covered with soil of cemetery walls, they used to tell a and is only opened on the death of one good story of Jim Fisk and his atti- of the family. It was last opened in tude toward such structures. A dele- 1862 to recieve the remains of Fletcher than ex-Queen Isabella, who tips the scale gation from a country town in which Webster, who was shot in the last bat- at 249.

York engineer. Let the afflicted part had happened, proceeded to lay his bill

he had resided for a time when a boy, the of Bull Run. In the same vault lie Emperor William has but recently waited upon him in the height of his the bodies of children and grand- honored bimself with any high military prosperity, begging for a subscription children. Not a drop of Webster rank. Though as Kaiser he is the "War to put a wall around the old cemetery. blood now remains in existence. The Lord" of the German army, he remained

"Not a cent." said Fisk, "I won't give last living member of the family is the but a brigadier until a short time ago, when you a cent. It's a useless expense, wife of Fletcher Webster. On her he rose to be a major-general. Since Queen Nobody in the cemetery wants to get death the tomb will once more open Victoria made him a general. Moltke has assuming man blow his own horn .- Terre out and nobody out of it wants to get to recieve her remains, and will then urged him to come up to the first rank, and in."-N. Y. Tribune. be closed and sealed forever.

The Queen Regent of Spain and her family were weighed recently at San Sebastian, King Alfonso weighs 35 pounds: his mother, the Queen Regent, 118; his eldest sister, the Princess of the Austrias, 48; the Infanta Maria Theresa, 45. The whole family, therefore, weighs three pounds less

he is now a commanding general.

in Kuantung and Kuangsi. The Grave of Daniel Webster.