

Mary Anderson positively declines to give any readings in this country. Probably prefers to read between the lines of her husband's checkbook.

Auto smashing may yet become as thrilling and popular a pastime in the east as is broncho busting in the wild west, and somewhat more expensive.

In the accidents from overturned boats the most frequent offender is the young man. The hand that rocks the cradle is too sensible to rock the boat.

In Georgia a white man has been caught stealing chickens from a clergyman. And yet some people say that the colored man's influence is as naught!

Women cannot, it appears, become mail carriers without wearing "pants." The women will not be much blamed if they look in other directions for employment.

A "problem play" has been written to show up the drink evil, but no means have as yet been devised for fencing in the orchestra chairs between the acts.

The news from Amsterdam that a Japanese and a Russian have been shaking hands makes us wonder if the words for hand and fist are all the same in Dutch.

George Washington's favorite elm tree has just been "felled to the ground" at Morristown, N. J. Don't see how it could have very well been "felled" anywhere else.

A New York judge has decided that street car conductors must not strike passengers in the stomach. They should continue to strike them in the immediate vicinity of the pocket.

In New York a woman who left \$1,500 in a street car rewarded the poor but virtuous conductor who returned it with a whole quarter. Hetty Green is still operating incognito, we see.

A young girl was recently struck blind while promenading the board walk at Asbury Park, in New Jersey. Her misfortune will render it impossible for her to see the sea serpent when he does his annual stunt off the Jersey coast.

The fact that they are having lots of trouble with a new reptile called the "cabbage snake" down in Tennessee is strong presumptive evidence that the moonshiners there are turning out an unusually potent brand of encouragement this season.

The author of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," who has gone to Cape Cod to study the peculiarities of the people there, for literary purposes, should take warning by the experience of the author of "Cape Cod Folks." She discovered a great many of them.

We are told by a valued New York exchange that the United States produces more cider in one year than the rest of the world does in five years. We consider this the juiciest item of the season.

As interesting as anything that Mrs. Maybrick could say now, even if she were willing to talk of her life, is the fact that she was the first woman who ever sang "The Holy City." That song was written by her husband's brother, whose pseudonym is Stephen Adams, and he wrote also "The Blue Alsatian Mountains" and "Nancy Lee."

HORTICULTURE



The Flat-Headed Borer.

The destructive tree borer so well known to horticulturists as the Flat-headed apple tree borer and to entomologists as *Chrysobothris femorata* is found in all parts of the country and annually destroys vast numbers of trees. It attacks apple, pear, quince, plum, peach, cherry, ash, elm, maple, box-elder, sycamore and willow trees. The injury is done by the flat-headed borer during its grub or larval stage. The adult insect is a beetle about half an inch long, flattish-oblong in form, shiny greenish-black above and copper colored below. The female deposits her eggs in the crevices of the bark of the trunk and main branches, usually on the south or southwest side, where the effects of the sun upon the tree is greatest. In our locality the most of the eggs are probably laid during April and May. Although eggs are sometimes deposited by this insect upon healthy,

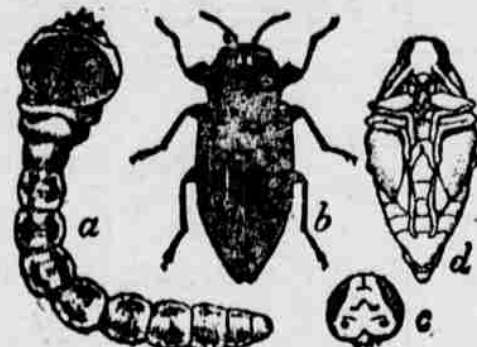


FIG. 3.—*Chrysobothris femorata*: a, larva; b, beetle; c, head of male; d, pupa—twice natural size (original).

well-established trees, it evidently prefers to select sickly or newly transplanted ones, especially those whose bark has been injured by exposure to the sun. The eggs hatch within a few days after being deposited. The young larva soon eats through the bark and proceeds to bore at some depth beneath the surface, leaving behind it a flattened channel. Sometimes a single borer will girdle a tree and cause its death. The larva reaches its full growth by the end of the summer, being then a pale-yellowish grub about half an inch long, with a broad, flat head. During the winter it remains quiescent. The next spring it bores out nearly through the bark, then moves back a little and undergoes its change into the adult beetle form the transformation being completed in about three weeks. The beetle then cuts an opening through the bark and escapes to continue the work of destruction begun by its ancestors. During the warm part of the day it may be seen flying about in the hot sunlight.

There are three ways of combating the borer: (1) by destroying the grubs while they are at work in the tree; (2) by the application of some substance that will prevent the eggs being deposited or will destroy the eggs and newly hatched larvae, and (3) by wrapping the trees with something that will prevent the females gaining access to the bark. But, by the best methods known, borers are difficult insects to combat. The larvae make their way into the wood so soon after the eggs are deposited and keep so completely out of sight as they work, that they may do much injury before their presence is suspected, and are difficult to kill when detected. It is a case where an ounce of prevention is most decidedly more effective and more economical than a pound of cure.—Arizona Station.

The progressive dairymen is careful in the feeding of his cows. He knows that the ration to be an economical one must contain both carbohydrates and proteins, and that an overbalance of one will waste it in the work of digestion.

Sultan's Titles.

The sultan of Turkey has seventy-one titles and on the parchment containing them are the words "as many more as may be desired can be added to this number." Among the titles are "Abdul Hamid, the Eternally Victorious," "the Eternally Smiling," "the Eternally Invincible," "Distributor of Crowns to the Heroes Seated on the Thrones" and "Shadow of God on Earth."

Curtails Students' Holidays.

A movement is on foot in Russia to diminish the excessive number of holidays for students. During a four years' course at a Russian university the work done covers only one year and 295 days. In France the time covered is two years, seventy-four days; in England, two years, 158 days; in the United States, two years, 210 days; in Germany, two years, 230 days. Denmark stands at the head of the list, with two years, 364 days.

Raise Hogs for Chinese.

In the hope of making profit out of the Chinese who have displaced them from the Transvaal mines, some Kaffirs have taken to hog raising, so as to gratify the Celestials' love of pork.

Kentucky Man's Duty.

Jamboree, Ky., August 29 (Special).—After suffering for years with pain in the back Mr. J. M. Coleman, a well known citizen of this place, has found a complete cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills. Knowing how general this disease is all over the country, Mr. Coleman feels it is his duty to make his experience public for the benefit of other sufferers.

"I want to recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to everybody who has pain in the back," Mr. Coleman says. "I suffered for years with my back. I used Dodd's Kidney Pills and I have not felt a pain since. My little girl too complained of her back and she used about half a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills and she is sound and well."

Backache is Kidney Ache. Dodd's Kidney Pills are a sure cure for all Kidney Aches, including Rheumatism.

Buying Rubies in Burma.

The peculiar business methods of Oriental merchants are illustrated by the manner of buying rubies in Burma. In the examination of rubies artificial light is not used, the merchants holding that full sunlight alone can bring out the color and brilliancy of the gems. Sales must, therefore, take place between 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., and the sky must be clear.

Many Proverbs About Luck.

The proverbs on luck are numerous and expressive in all languages. In English we say "It is better to be born lucky than rich." The Arabs convey the same idea in the apt proverb, "Throw him into the Nile and he will come up with a fish in his mouth," while the Germans say, "If he flung a penny on the roof a dollar would come back to him."

Word "Weigh" Too Much for Him.

A London jurymen fainted the other day while the judge was charging the body. The judge was saying: "You must give the statements of the witnesses for the defense full weight." At the words, "full weight," the jurymen fainted. Later, it was found that he was a coal dealer.

The Day's Length.

By a simple rule, the length of the day and night, any time of the year, may be ascertained by doubling the time of the sun's rising, which will give the length of the night; and double the time of setting will give the length of the day.

Mentality Shown by Laughter.

High mentality is shown in a laugh. There are savages in Africa who never laugh; they grin, that is all; and this lack of the quality of laughter is a symptom of their low mentality.

When a man puts out his shingle on the roof the Lord is likely to let him sit down in the basement awhile and think.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in ½-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

People who never give more than chicken feed to the church are the first to complain if they don't get chicken pie in every sermon.

More Flexible and Lasting.

won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

Not a Lucrative Business.

Dr. Smiles did not leave so much money behind him as did Sir H. M. Stanley; but in his case more than in Stanley's the amount is likely to represent literary earnings. At any rate, \$370,000 is not considered a bad recompense for "self-help," when applied in a calling which, apart from the more signal successes of a few novelists and playwrights, rarely leads on to such fortunes as are made in soaps or pills.

Disgrace to Lose Mustaches.

Two Mohammedan criminals at Olmutz were in consternation on hearing that, like all other prisoners, they would have to have their mustaches shaved off. They pleaded that that would be an indelible disgrace, and that their wives would leave them. They were finally allowed to keep them.

After it With a Net.

"What on earth are you a-doin' with that 'ar crab net?" asked the farm woman behind the gingham apron. "I'se just a-lookin' for people what casts their bread on the water," said itinerant Ike; "ain't you goin' to do a little castin' this morning, mum?"

Keep Valuable Secret in Family.

When the originator of the genuine eau de cologne died, age 80, he gave his secret to his nephew and heir. Since 1709 only ten persons have seen the recipe, which is kept in a box trebly locked.

LEARNING THINGS

We Are All in the Apprentice Class.

When a simple change of diet brings back health and happiness the story is briefly told. A lady of Springfield, Ill., says: "After being afflicted for years with nervousness and heart trouble, I received a shock four years ago that left me in such a condition that my life was despaired of. I could get no relief from doctors nor from the numberless heart and nerve medicines I tried because I didn't know that the coffee was daily putting me back more than the Drs. could put me ahead.

"Finally at the request of a friend I left off coffee and began the use of Postum and against my convictions I gradually improved in health until for the past 6 or 8 months I have been entirely free from nervousness and those terrible sinking, weakening spells of heart trouble.

"My troubles all came from the use of coffee which I had drunk from childhood and yet they disappeared when I quit coffee and took up the use of Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Many people marvel at the effects of leaving off coffee and drinking Postum but there is nothing marvelous about it—only common sense. Coffee is a destroyer—Postum is a builder. That's the reason. Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."