

INVOCATION A SUCCESS HIS

Actor Finally Got the Gas Man Awakened and Attending to His Duties.

S. CONTRACTOR

"Years ago," says Guy Bates Post, the actor, "I appeared in an amateur performance of a play that had a distinct religious flavor. The leading player had studied for the ministry and had a deep and sonorous voice. In one of the scenes the lights were supposed to be turned down and a raging storm simulated. The accompanying lines were:

"'Oh, Lord, deliver us from the powers of darkness.'

"The leading man spoke the lines, but darkness didn't follow. He spoke them again, and still the stage was distressingly light. Finally he roared:

"'Oh, Lord, deliver us from the power of darkness, and also give that fool gas man sense enough to turn down the lights.'

"The gas lights went down and the audience roared."-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

A Spicy Subject.

John Lane, the well-known publisher, said at a literary dinner in New York:

"As an editor I find nobody so per-

Conservation of Rainfall Is Key to Success.

Enough Live Stock Should Be Kept to Pay Most of Farm Expenses in Semi-Arid Regions-Hay and Pasturage Short.

CORN ON DRY FARM

In all dry farming areas the conser the dry seasons. As we have noted vation of the rainfall in the soil where above, these seasons are favorable to it becomes available to growing crops the doing of some very important is the keystone of successful agricul- things. They are particularly good ture, writes W. R. Porter in the Farm, in that the grain which we grow will Stock and Home.

lowed land.

an abundance of cheap feed; second, it shades the soil during the excessively hot days of July and August, ity, and third, a corn field has a cool-

surrounding crops when the temperature is near the 100 degree mark.

Fields Must be Handled Differently French Boy Caused Merriment by Tak-During Very Dry Seasons Than ing the Order of the Court Too When Rain is Plentiful. Literally.

A droll incident is reported as hav-

formula inviting him, "Comparaitre

dans les affaires de son pere." (To

THE ALARMING PREVALENCE

OF ECZEMA

Finds Victims Among Every Race,

Age and Condition.

Of all the diseases of the skin and

scalp which torture and disfigure man-

kind, three-fourths are eczematous.

Millions are born with eczema, and it

is the only thing other millions have

other causes that might be mentioned

less numbers during their entire lives.

Eczema is a skin disease. It is not re-

garded as hereditary, nor contagious,

and is impartially distributed among

the rich and poor, the high and low.

The agonizing itching and burning of

the skin, causing loss of sleep, is usual-

ly the most distressing symptom and is

caused by the bursting of little vesicles

filled with an acrid fluid, which burns

as with fire the denuded skin. New

vesicles form, fill and burst, scales

form upon scales, and crusts upon

crusts until disfigurement is added to

One of the most successful treat-

ments for eczema, whether applied to

the youngest infant or the oldest per-

son, is hot baths with Cuticura Soap

and gentle anointings of Cuticura oint-

torture.

appear in his father's suit.)

Those sections that have actually suffered from a surplus of water, uning taken place in one of the provincial appeal courts in France. A boy, less the farms were properly underdrained, will have an experience duabout fourteen, was summoned to give ring the dry seasons that will lead evidence, and his appearance was such them to pay attention to the details as to move the whole court to laughter. He wore a long redingote, pecuof what is called dry farming. Let no one be unduly fearful because of liar to the Basque country, and immense boots. His trousers, collar and the results which will follow from hat were unquestionably those of a man. The court was convulsed, and the president asked the boy how he dared to treat the court in such a manner. The boy seemed as surprised as the president, and taking out the be free from rust and the straw will citation from his pocket, read the

This is generally done by the culti- be as bright as can be desired, vation of the soil during the entire but we must handle our fields difgrowing season. If no crop is pro- ferently during these seasons than duced on the land this operation is during those where we have abuncalled summer fallow or summer cul- dant and sometimes more than abunture. Over most of the dry farming dant rains. Briefly we will state that area nearly if not as good grain we will plow with much care, says the crops can be grown following a culti- Dakoto Farmer. We will plow as vated crop as after the summer fal- early as possible after harvest or else use a packer so as to establish a rea-

When the bare fallow system is sonable degree of solidity in the used a whole year elapses without any plowed field. We will not sow broadreturns either on the investment or cast but use a drill and in some cases for the labor performed. If a culti- it will be very desirable to use some vated crop can be grown with as good form of a press drill. We will drag crops following it should more than the grain as well as the corn. We will pay its expense, which will consist of drag the corn longer than we do the seed, planting and harvesting; the cul- grain fields because the grain will tivation would have to be done any- sooner cover the ground by its growth way, so this would not be counted and so shading it will prevent the esagainst the cost of production of a cape of moisture. The dryer the seacrop of corn. Corn is pre-eminently son the more thoroughly we will cultithis crop, first, because it produces vate this corn with the surface cultivator and continue that cultivation later than ordinarily. We can use a single horse cultivator with surface thereby preventing loss of soil fertil- blades and while the dust will rise and the ground will appear to be like ing rather than a heating influence on ash heaps, still beneath that loosethe winds that blow across it. This ness of dry earth there will be mainmay have a very beneficial effect on tained a reasonable degree of that moisture that is absolutely essential to the growth of the corn plant. Let On most farms in the dry farming us take comfort that under these

area enough live stock should be kept dry farming conditions and dry to pay most of the running expenses of weather periods, we will not have the farm. Hay and pasturage are very | rust on our potatoes but some of the short in such areas and consequently best crops of this kind will be grown too dear for cheap live stock produc- during these seasons. We can have tion. Enough corn should be grown a reasonable degree of size in the poto supply, first, the work horses with | tato, but better than all this we will roughage during the winter if not the have the high quality of potato that working season; second, to supple- is rarely ever grown when the sea-

ment the pastures of the summer and sons of abundant rains maintain.

PAY ATTENTION TO DETAILS IN OBEDIENCE TO ORDERS WISE, ALL RIGHT.

Mr. Wise-Where's the man that

Bystander-What'll you do if you find him? Mr. Wise-Introduce him to my

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left when they die. Neglect in infancy It is not the quality of the meat but and childhood, irritating conditions afthe cheerfulness of the guests which fecting the skin, ignorance of its real makes the feast .-- Lord Clarendon. nature, improper remedies and many

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To do two things at once is to do neither .- Publius Syrus.



Loss of Appetite

Which is so common in the spring or upon the return of warm weather, is loss of vitality, vigor or tone, and is often . forerunner of prostrating disease.

It is serious and especially so to people that must keep up and doing or get behindhand.

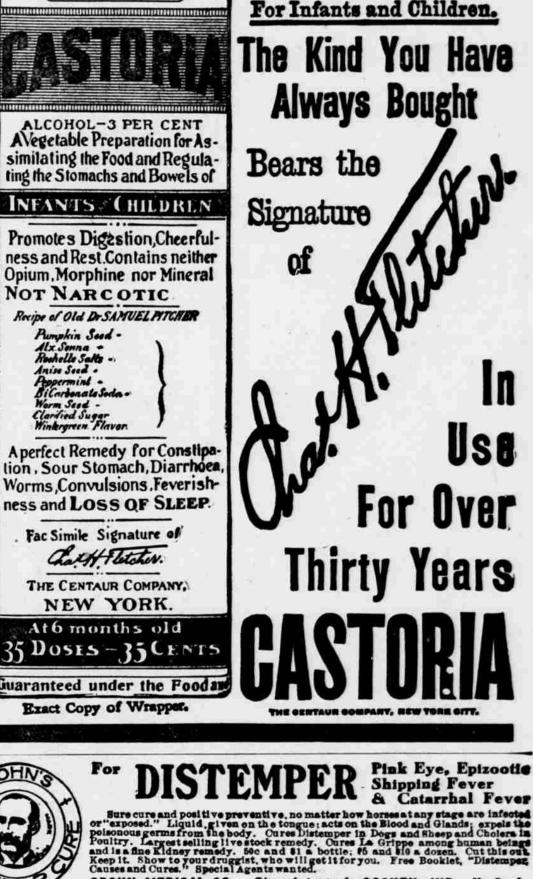
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sistent as the amateur contributor. If the amateur were half as ingenious in writing his material as in trying to land it, he would become a Dickens in no time.

"An amateur said the other day to an editor I know:

"'Allow me to submit this bear story.'

"'My readers don't care for bear stories,' said the editor. 'They want something spicy."

"'But this,' said the amateur, 'is a story about a cinnamon bear.""

Crippled by Tuberculosis.

According to a recent report by Dr. Conrad Biesalski of Berlin, there are 75,000 cripples in the German empire out of a population of 60,500,000. Over 50,000 of the cripples are in need of proper treatment. Doctor Blesalski states that in 15 per cent of the cripples examined, their deformity was due to tuberculosis of the bones and joints, and that there were 10,000 such children in great need of med-Ical treatment. He advocates the establishment of seaside sanatoria for his latter class of cripples.

Of Course.

"Why are hotel bellboys called 'Buttons?' "Because they're always off when

you need 'em most."

COFFEE CONGESTION Causes a Variety of Ails.

A happy old lady in Wisconsin Lays:

"During the time I was a coffee drinker I was subject to sick headaches, sometimes lasting 2 or 3 days, totally unfitting me for anything.

To this affliction was added, some years ago, a trouble with my heart that was very painful, accompanied by a smothering sensation and faintness.

"Dyspepsia, also, came to make life harder to bear. I took all sorts of patent medicines but none of them helped me for any length of time.

"The doctors frequently told me that coffee was not good for me; but without coffee I felt as if I had no breakfast. I finally decided about 2 years ago to abandon the use of coffee entirely, and as I had read a great deal about Postum I concluded to try that for a breakfast beverage.

"I liked the taste of it and was particularly pleased to notice that it did not 'come up' as coffee used to. The bad spells with my heart grew less and less frequent, and finally ceased altogether, and I have not had an attack of sick headache for more than a year. My digestion is good, too, and

fall as a soiling crop or in the form of ensilage and to from the bulk of their winter ration; third, to supply the sheep and hogs a cheap fattening food for finishing them off in the fall.

The first essential to corn culture on the dry farms is live stock, for without such there is no way of utilizing the corn crop, but if live stock are kept feed must be had, the corn crop can be converted into beef, pork, mutton, wool, butter and eggs, commodities that can always be converted into cash or its equivalent. The by-product of live stock (manure) should go back onto the land to replenish the diminishing supply of humus and fertilizing elements so essential to large yields.

The second essential to corn culture is a conviction that it will pay to grow live stock on the corn crop produced and a determination to grow corn as their chief feed in spite of adverse circumstances. In order to be successful in growing corn on a dry farm the selection of the proper variety is essential. In western North Dakota and eastern Montana Squaw, Gehu, will probably prove the best flint varieties, while Golden dent and Northwestern dent will probably prove the best dent varieties. Good seed is very important. It should always germinate strong and 95 per cent. or better.

The time to seed is from the tenth to the fifteenth of May in a well prepared seed bed which has been manured and plowed the fall before and which has been harrowed at intervals from the time the soil had thawed out in the spring until the time of seeding. Thorough cultivation is very tive. important as it warms the soil. decreases evaporation of soil water, and forces the corn ahead very rapidly. On the dry farms the corn should be cul- begins to bloom. tivated after every rain as soon as possible in order to bottle all water corn. flax, wheat. possible in the soil. As soon as the corn is cut the land should be disked lightly but it should not be plowed. after this in the fall the land should wheat should be sown as early as pos- grain. sible but very rarely should the corn land be plowed before seeding wheat.

Two Sets of Nests.

It is a good plan to have two sets of nest boxes easily moved, not attached to the building in any way. While one set is being used the other, having been cleaned and painted with some insecticide, if necessar, is exposed to the sun, wind and rain. When it comes time to change the nests in the house are brought out and treated in the same fashion. -The clean

GET AFTER MOISTURE EARLY Every Move Made This Spring Should

Be With Idea That No Rain Would Fall Till July.

Every move made with the soil this spring, whether in field or garden, should be done with the same carefulness that would be exercised if we knew there would not be another drop of rain till July. If this is done, whether we have a moist or a very dry growing season, we shall have a good garden and fair crops.

By harrowing closely after every particle of spring plowing or disking, by passing a heavy roller over all too loose soils and following with a fine harrow, this can be done on a large and surely paying scale.

In the garden do the same, and in addition, after any shower and once or twice a week, shower or no shower, pass an iron or steel rake over the slightly hardened surface between the rows and hills close up to the Mercer, King Phillip and Triumph plants. Should ample moisture come -and the chances are about even many springs that it will not-all the extra tillage and firming of the soil will be well paid for in other ways than by retaining the moisture, and should the spring prove one of the old time very dry ones, it may mean a crop or garden.

FARM NOTES.

In trying alfalfa start with an acre. A good lawn makes a home attrac-

Kentucky blue grass makes a very away look?" pretty lawn.

Alfalfa is cut for hay when it first A good rotation: Clover, wheat,

Celery is best grown from seed planted in the hotbed.

The best alfalfa or clover seed to Should any heavy soaking rains come sow is that which is northern grown. For fall feed mix two pounds per again be harrowed. In the spring acre of dwarf essex rape with the

> Start the garden by sowing beans, lettuce, peas, radishes, and spinach in a hotbed.

As soon as the soil can be worked in the garden sow the smooth, early varieties of peas.

For early rhubarb, put a headless barrel over a root of the plant, and pile fresh horse manure around it. Roll the lawn to firm the soil about

the grass roots. The top soil has been loosened by the heaving of the frost. Not only for reclaiming worn-out land ,but for bringing that in fair con-

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Need of the Agriculturist. "Here I am," said the returned wanderer, "back with the fortune I said I would make and ready to pay the mortgage off the farm!"

"Ef that ain't hard luck!" exclaimed the father. "As times are goin' now that mortgage ain't botherin' nobody. I'd a heap ruther have seen you broke an' ready to do regular work for wages."

Why? Just Because.

"Papa," said the little boy, "why do they say a woman is 'setting her cap for a man' when she wants to marry him?"

"Because, my son," explains the father, softly, "if she sets her bonnet for him she knows blamed well the price of it will scare him to death."

Opposite Methods. "Why has Miss Writem such a far-

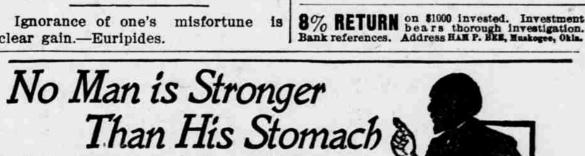
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nay carry disease germs to any part of the body through the food you eat. When you feel sore throat coming on, use Hamins Wizard Oil.

Man without patience is the lamp without oil; pride in a rage is a bad counsellor.-A. de Musset.

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clear gain.-Euripides.

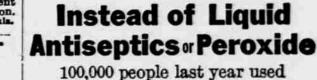


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Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

ones filled with nesting material are placed in the house.

White Specks in Butter.

White specks in butter are caused by particles of casein in over-soured cream, or by particles of dried cream in cases where cream is raised by gravity process and is exposed to currents of air. They are not often troublesome except in winter.

Japan Interested.

Much of Formosa must be farmed The raised bed must be tended by according to dry farming methods. hand, and it dries out too fast in dry The dry farming congress has been weather. Make all beds level with requested to send literature and rethe surface of the ground to save ports to Japan for the consideration moisture and make the work of tend of the government. ing them easier.

dition into a higher state of fertility, of the stomach and its associated organs, which imgreen manuring is at once efficient pairs digestion and nutrition. For when the stomach is weak or diseased there is a loss of the nutrition contained in food, which is the source of all physical Head lettuce will grow best in a

strength. When a man "doesn't feel just right," well drained, light clay soil, slightly when he doesn't sleep well, has an uncomfortable mixed with sand. The soil should be feeling in the stomach after eating, is languid, nervous, irritable and despondfull of humus and heavily manured ent, he is losing the nutrition needed to make strength. with well-rotted stable fertilizer.

Clover and the other legumes. which come in the ordinary rotation of crops, not only supply humus but add nitrogen gathered from the air by the bacteria resident in their root

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