

THROUFAST WILLIAM.

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During the past season I have been considerably interested in agriculture. I have met with some success, but not enough toadden me with joy.

Agriculture has a charm about it which I can not adequately describe. Every product of the farm is furnished by nature with something that loves it, so that it will never be neglected.

The grain crop is loved by the weevil, the Hessian fly and the chinch bug; the watermelon, the squash and the cucumber are loved by the squash bug; the potato is loved by the potato bug; the sweet corn is loved by the ant, the slug and the snail.

Well, I began to get up my angle-worms and other pets, to see if they had withstood the severe winter. I found they had. They were unusually bright and cheerful.

At all once, an idea struck me. I haven't recovered from the concussion yet. It was this: the worm had wintered under a cabbage stalk; no doubt he had eaten the cabbage leaves.

I therefore bought five dozen tomato plants that were tender and large. These I fed to the cut-worms at the rate of eight to ten in one night.

My cut-worms were gone, and the whole patch, but their wasp's nest. One of them had been attached to them, and they had learned to look forward each day to my coming, when they would almost come out and eat the tomato-plant out of my hand.

THE CONTRIBUTION BOX. It makes a Confession and Gives a Few Penitential Prayers. "My friend," said the contribution box, in a hollow voice, "my time is well-nigh spent, and I shall be with you many days.

JAPANESE WISE SAYINGS.

A Gentleman, Stunned by the Shock of a Change Over, Recalls Some of Them. An American gentleman lately returned to this city after a prolonged residence in Japan.

The young ladies would hold out a dime in their delicate gloved fingers with a sanctimonious air, and then just as likely as not giggle right in my face.

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MARASMUS.

The wasting disease of infancy that occurs in hand-fed babies, is a not uncommon cause of death in early life.

The infant does not digest its food. It gradually becomes thin and spare, and after a longer or shorter time, dies, as if it had been starved.

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SANDRINGHAM.

The Country Home of the Prince and Princess of Wales. Cur simper talk is to give our readers some idea of the surroundings of the Prince of Wales and his family.

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PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—Sir Thom. is Brassy, one of the richest men in the world... The life of the rich man is not a happy one.

—A marriage license has been issued to a couple at San Diego, Santa Clara County, who, but a few days before, were in the city of San Francisco.

—The New York police who were sent down to Guatemala to organize the police force there, is now the most successful man in the republic next to President Barrios, and gets a salary of five thousand dollars a year.

—A party of Communists is said to have called on one of the wealthy Rothschilds and demanded a division of his wealth. He took his pencil and divided the sum of his fortune by the number of inmates of Paris.

—Sarah Bernhardt gets three hundred dollars a day for acting. Of this she spends one hundred and twenty dollars on her wardrobe.

—Romantic lovers of late seem to prefer that some peculiarity—a marriage certificate, for example—should be taken to an important moment when their lives and fortunes become united for better or worse.

—Italian papers are bewailing the extent and intensity of the emigrant exodus among the peasantry. They say that the ship loads of emigrants who are taken from Italy to America are draining Italy of its most productive labor.

—For the last five years a Chicago photographer has been collecting photographs of prominent persons connected with that city.

—Dr. Goersen, the Philadelphia murderer, hanged recently, had an ingenious arrangement to enable him to read at night. As there was no gas in his cell, he had a lamp in his room.

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