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They Are Equal to the Emergency.

A patient has been asked for a device to take passengers on the cable cars while the train is in full motion. So far as the device can be understood from the description it is a sort of platform on wheels. The passenger stands on it, the cable car comes along and automatic hooks catch hold of the platform and carry it along to the next car. By that time the passenger has taken his seat, and the platform is released and dropped for the use of the next man. It may be a great scheme, but most men would be so sick as to get out of a car going at a twelve-mile gait. But it shows that inventors are equal to any emergency that may arise.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Following Letter.

My dear Sir: I have been very much impressed by a physician of the Black Hills country as a health resort before me. I made a personal visit to the Hot Springs in South Dakota, and believe that the next resort to which I will go will be there. I have been very much pleased with the results of my visit, and believe that the next resort to which I will go will be there. I have been very much pleased with the results of my visit, and believe that the next resort to which I will go will be there.

Hall's Catarrh Cure

Is taken internally. Price, 75c.

Adieu—Good-bye—Farewell.

The various forms of leave-taking have a more special significance than is generally accorded to them. "Adieu" signifies, "To God I commend you." "Good-bye" is a contraction of "God be with you," while "Farewell" means "Be happy," or "Good-bye." "Adieu" signifies, "To God I commend you." "Good-bye" is a contraction of "God be with you," while "Farewell" means "Be happy," or "Good-bye."

How to Address Royalties.

Much amused comment was caused during the examination of the prince of Wales in the baccarat case by the number of times that Solicitor-General Sir Edward Clarke made use of the words "your royal highness," thereby demonstrating his ignorance of the usages of court life. The prefix of "your majesty" and of "your royal highness" are rarely if ever used by the people in the swim, except in official verbal and written communications. Both the prince of Wales and all the other male members of his family are addressed merely as "sir" and "you," while not only the princesses, both young and old, but also the queen herself are addressed as "ma'am." Nothing is more amusing to those unaccustomed to this peculiarity than to listen to some old and stately ambassador or duchess deferentially addressing a little 3-year-old princess as "ma'am," and I confess that I myself, nothing is more amusing to those unaccustomed to this peculiarity than to listen to some old and stately ambassador or duchess deferentially addressing a little 3-year-old princess as "ma'am," and I confess that I myself,

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Menticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

It is hard to predict how a species will act. The behavior of species is frequently different from that in its native locality. Being without its natural checks, it will sometimes increase as did the Icerya purchased in California. The San Jose scale, so destructive in the United States, attracts so little attention wherever it originally came from, that we do not to this day know why it certainly is not a pest. Spices closely allied to the San Jose scale, natives of the United States, are not nearly so destructive. The red scale of the orange, *Aspidiotus aurantii*, in Jamaica never infests citrus fruits, but does so in California. How different are its habits in California! In Japan there is a scale almost exactly identical with the San Jose scale, which infests citrus trees, which the real San Jose never does in America. Therefore, in view of such facts, we can fairly say that we never know what we are in for, when we introduce a new scale. A traveler, bringing a little ornamental plant in a pot, may unwittingly bring a great horticultural pest. Most of the worst insects are general feeders and are able to spread from garden or even house plants to orchards.

Climate Barriers cannot always be trusted.

The rapid spread of some scale insects shows that they can endure great differences of climate. While the climatic barriers to the spread of some species are real and important, it will not do to trust too much to them. It is probable that the very rapid production of coecidiae enables them to quickly adapt themselves to changes of climate, through the survival of the fittest. Thus if there are a million species in an orchard which is touched by frost, if only one gravid female survives it will suffice to eventually restock the orchard, and with a comparatively small amount of time and effort, the peach scale, *Diaspis amygdali*, flourishes equally at Washington, D. C., and in the tropics; and many others could be cited which endure great differences of climate in different parts of their range.

It will now be useful to consider the countries from which we are liable to be infested. From Europe we may expect many pests of shade trees and deciduous fruit trees especially. For example, we have already received the maple Phoenician, the elm Gossypia, the New York plum scale (so-called), the Lecanium bituberulatum, etc. It must also be remembered that semi-tropical scales may and unquestionably do, spread by way of European hot-houses. In this way, for example, *Orthesia insignis*, a destructive West Indian species, was undoubtedly introduced into Caylon.

From the West Indies and Mexico countries we may expect especially pests of citrus fruits, of cotton, sugarcane, etc.; also the peach scale, *Diaspis amygdali*, which has already reached this country. A further exploration of Mexico and most of the West Indian islands is urgently needed, to determine the kinds of insect pests there occurring. From Japan, perhaps, we stand in most danger. The climatic conditions permit the growth of the same species of fruit trees as are grown in America, and of Japanese varieties which have become very popular, and have been imported in quantity. The peach scale, *Diaspis amygdali*, is common in Japan, and there are many other injurious species. Unfortunately, the knowledge of Japanese scale insects is yet in its infancy, and someone ought to be sent there for a year to study the subject on the spot. Some injurious species may also come from Australia, New Zealand, the Sandwich Islands, and in fact any place whence plants are brought. Especial care should be taken to prevent the introduction of *Asterolecanium pustulans* from the Sandwich Islands; it already exists in Florida, and is common also in the West Indies. It especially infests oleander.

Japanese Miller.

The Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station has recently introduced three new varieties of millers from Japan. Among them is a variety of barn-yard grass, *Panicum Crus Gallii*, which, while it differs in its habits of growth, is botanically identical with the common barn-yard grass. The variety from Japan has been grown for a few years at the Massachusetts Station. Professor Brooks of that Station is very enthusiastic about it and recommends it as a fodder crop either for feeding green or for the silo. As a forage plant it may yield ten or twelve tons of fodder per acre, and when thinly sown in rows about a foot apart a yield of fifty to ninety bushels of seed may be obtained. Ordinary barnyard grass is a coarse annual, with stems two to four feet in length, appearing in mid-summer, in low, somewhat damp places or on cultivated grounds. The ordinary variety is a very troublesome weed. Professor Brooks says: "This Japanese variety of the species has not become a pest here, however, although the seed does not lose all vitality during the winter. Although it is possible that it might under some circumstances become a troublesome one, it is hardly liable to prove more so than clover or winter wheat, for instance." This plant is being quite extensively advertised by seedsmen under the name of Japanese Millet, or its scientific name, *Panicum Crus Gallii*. Its white name may prove to be a valuable acquisition to our fodder plants and not become a means of spreading a bad weed, the Experiment Station would recommend the farmers of Maine to be cautious about purchasing seed of this new plant. Certainly the seed of *Panicum Crus Gallii* should be bought only of reliable dealers, who will be sure to furnish the seed of the Japanese variety. The mischief that would be wrought by sowing seed of ordinary barnyard grass is self-evident. Chas. D. Wood, Director Maine Experiment Station.

Inferior Wood Ashes.

In Bulletin 45 of the New Hampshire College Agricultural Experiment Station Prof. Fred W. Morse writes: The time for purchasing fertilizers having come, the station wishes to call the attention of farmers to the veritable composition of wood ashes and particularly to some evidently fraudulent lots of Canada ashes samples of which were received at the laboratory last fall. Five samples, representing three different lots, were received during October, 1896, from widely different sections of the state, namely Plymouth,

Stratham and Walpole. The ashes were all about of the same wholesale dealer, and analysis showed them to be quite uniform in quality, but noticeably inferior. The proportion of potash is low, especially if the soluble form is alone considered which had taken with the quantity of water, leads one to suspect that these ashes had been either leached partially or prepared by mixing leached and dry ashes together. The proportion of lime found in the most inferior sample disposed of by the dealer was only 12 per cent, and the percentage is not high. The price of these ashes was \$10 per ton delivered in carload lots at the respective railroad stations. This price is lower than any quotations previously known to the station. The important point for the purchaser, however, is that the low price was accompanied by an apparently deliberate reduction in the quality of ashes. During the year preceding the receipt of the five samples the station had analyzed a large quantity of good quality. One sample is of interest because, though very moist, it yet contains a high percentage of potash. The ashes had most probably been exposed to rain, instead of having been leached and afterward partially dried. Three samples of domestic ashes are characterized by being very dry, and one was probably taken soon after the average Canada ashes come about 12 per cent as damp as the average chemical fertilizer. Buyers of ashes should therefore look with suspicion on lots that appear excessively moist, because in such cases the potash is seldom to be depended upon. The potash in the refuse ashes were samples from burned lumber, principally waste paper and refuse lumber. The analytical results speak for themselves. Ashes from paper are as valueless as those from coal because the soluble material is not of a nature, and the paper stock during the process of paper making.

Oiling the Harness.

Harness will not last longer and look much better if kept well oiled, and will not get so stiff after being exposed to a day's rain, says Journal of Agriculture. During the spring it is difficult to keep harness from getting wet, and it will pay well before the season's work begins to invest in a good oil. In doing the work, the harness should be taken apart, washed clean, using warm water and castile soap, and then wiped dry, when the oil should be applied. If so clean that washing is not needed, the harness may be oiled with wet rag as the oiling can be done better. It is best to take harness apart, in order to get at all of the parts and oil thoroughly. Good harness oil can be purchased all ready for use, or neat's-foot oil, which is a fine lamp black, but is not so good. The harness has not been oiled for some time and is hard and dry, it will be best to go over them twice, finishing all up, and then commencing with the first piece and going over again. After every part has been thoroughly oiled, the harness should be hung up over a frame of some kind and allowed to dry. It should not be hung in the sun or where the wind strikes, as it will dry too rapidly. The oil should have plenty of time to soak in. The most expert work on the farm, if undertaken it will pay to do well.

Bees for Export.

Secretary Wilson has issued an order that after March 15, 1897, all bees offered for exportation to European ports, whether fresh, salted, canned, corned or packed, being the meat of cattle killed after the passing of the act under which this order is issued, shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by an inspector of the department, showing that the cattle from which it was produced were free from disease and the meat sound and wholesome. In order that it may be determined whether or not the European ports have been so free from disease and the meat sound and wholesome, it is further ordered that the meat of all other species of animals exported to such ports, which for any reason does not meet the requirements of this department, be packed in barrels, casks or other packages which are legibly marked in such manner as to clearly indicate the species of animal from which the meat was produced. Meat which is not so marked and which is not accompanied by a certificate of inspection, will be classed as uninspected beef and will not be allowed exportation to European ports.

Cost of Oleomargarine.

Commissioner Wetling of New York gives the following as the cost of making oleomargarine. The information is official, and was obtained from the manufacturers when under oath before the congressional committee. Here is the table:

34 lbs. neutral lard, 37c per lb.	.....	\$1.26
27 lbs. oleo oil 31c per lb.	.....	.847
15 lbs. cotton-seed oil 4c per lb.	.....	.60
18 lbs. milk 1c per lb.	.....	.18
9 lbs. salt about 1c per lb.	.....	.09
Trace of color	.....	.00
100	.....	\$2.91
Tubs per 100 lbs.	.....	.50
Tax per 100 lbs.	.....	2.00
Cost of mixing per 100 lbs.	.....	1.00
Net cost at Chicago per 100 lbs. (at manufactory)	.....	\$4.11

Native Shrubs—I would like to say a good word for some native shrubs. The black locust, *Robinia pseudo-acacia*, is a hardy shrub and a beautiful plant, especially when the fruit is ripe. Then there is the Nine-Bark (*Spiraea prunifolia*), beautiful in its bloom and in autumn. The berries of these shrubs are hardy native shrubs with their fruit turning a beautiful crimson in the fall. Among other things, not perhaps in the line of shrubs, are the climbing vines or plants, such as the Boston Ivy. It gives character to the buildings in the eastern states and adds beauty and charms to the common brick walls. If we can make it do half as well as they grow it will be a valuable thing to our country. It is a native shrub and a beautiful plant, especially when the fruit is ripe. Then there is the Nine-Bark (*Spiraea prunifolia*), beautiful in its bloom and in autumn. The berries of these shrubs are hardy native shrubs with their fruit turning a beautiful crimson in the fall. 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