

AGRICULTURAL.

Eggs in Cold Weather.

The prices for eggs have now gone up with the cold weather, and the question now is to induce or force the hens to lay their eggs...

Winter Manure Methods. At the beginning of winter a thick layer of straw or other material should be spread over the barnyard...

Apple Families. I do not know that I have not before alluded, in these columns, to the peculiarity of apple culture, in northern countries...

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he has been entirely open to conviction, and in the succeeding issues of his Report has printed handsome illustrations and a fair description of the best sorts like Prolific Sweeting and Switzer, which I have sent him...

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Another one complains that her dish towels smell badly, notwithstanding the fact that "they are washed every day."

Some Cleaning Hints. A housekeeper asks, "How can I clean pans which have been smoked on a coal-oil stove?"

The Sabbath. My God, now I from sleep awake. From midnight terror me secure. And guard my heart from things impure...

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FOR THE LADIES.

A Woman's Adieu.

Our love is done! I would not have it back, I say. I would not have my whole year May!

Our love is done! And still my eyes with tears are wet. Our souls are stirred with vague regret...

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The Holiday Season. Old Sorogee is never so much out of fashion as in the beautiful processional weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas...

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VICTORIA SLAVE SHAMBLES.

Sale of Chinese Girls Who are Imported for That Purpose.

The authorities of Victoria have discovered in that city regular slave shambles, where the Chinamen buy women as they would buy tea. An investigation has just revealed the careers of six Chinese girls who arrived by the Empress of China about the middle of October...

Friday night Lo Lest, a low repulsive-looking man, besotted with opium smoking, but dressed in a manner that at once proclaimed him wealthy, opened his doors to the men who were searching for the girls and regretted his carelessness the moment afterward...

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Late Foreign News.

An herb is said to have been discovered in Yucatan which is a specific for insanity.

The troops in the south of Russia are ordered to send in their sword blades to be sharpened. Travellers in Italy are again warned of the danger of having their trunks robbed on the railways...

In twelve years the city of Paris has expended \$270,000 on statues and \$85,000 on ornamental fountains. A recent meeting of Anarchists in Barcelona honored the memory of those hanged in Chicago in 1887...

A Pompeian palace in the Avenue Montaigne, originally built for the late Prince Napoleon, was sold in 1896 to M. de Lesseps for 900,000 francs. It has just been sold again for 1,800,000 francs...

An engineer on a Swiss railway was notified that he would be dismissed at the end of the year. In vengeance for that, two weeks ago he deliberately drove his engine past the adverse signals into a passenger train coming from the opposite direction...

The British colony in the city of Mexico is interested in Reginald Carey, who has resigned from the British navy to begin service with the Mexican navy, his appointment to the rank of Captain having been officially announced...

In the furnished districts in Russia public schools and higher institutions of learning which depend on the subsidies of the central or local governments have been closed one after the other. The money appropriated for the institutions is required for the purchase of bread for the starving families...

The daughter of Herr Bemberg, a silk manufacturer of Crefeld, 22 years of age, fell in love with a weaver in her father's service, and became secretly betrothed to him. When the lover asked permission to marry the daughter the father emphatically refused...

The weather in the south of Germany is unusually and unseasonably warm. In Wurttemberg orchards are blooming, and there are frequent hot winds which stimulate vegetation. The temperature is fully equal to the average of May...

The German Emperor will return the visit of the King of Roumania about the middle of next March. He will be accompanied by Prince Henry, and will stay three days at Bucharest, a day at the Sinaia Palace, and a day at Jassy...

A movement has been started in St. Petersburg to establish workshops for criminals who have served their term in prison. Such criminals in some instances strong and able men cannot easily find employment when they regain their liberty...

The Germans are watching the Russianification of the Baltic Provinces in helpless rage. German residents are treated worse than Jews. Government inspection of primary and superior schools has been extended to female schools...

A story comes from Dresden that a boy fell into the Elbe there the other night. It was dark and no one could see what had become of him, although his cries of distress could be heard as he was borne along by the stream...

Reports also indicate that the shipments of Canadian apples to the British market this season are very heavy. So far the shipments are ahead of the business done in previous years. There was a large export trade in 1889, when the value of Canadian apples sent to Britain reached the high-water mark of \$1,277,577...

The commercial treaties now before the German Reichstag absorb the attention of that body and of public men throughout the countries concerned. Their economic as well as their political character are eagerly discussed. The extreme protectionists are alarmed, and protest against their adoption...

A Waynesburg, Pa., despatch says: John Dougherty, an oil-well driller, died on Wednesday night from pneumonia. Mr. Dougherty was a Democrat, and he made a bet with a Republican that Campbell would defeat McKinley for Governor of Ohio. The loser was to climb to the top of an oil derrick, 72 feet high, and remain there from 6 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the evening...