

KEROSENE FATALITIES.

Kerosene is so cheap and makes such a brilliant light, that it will continue to be burned for illuminating purposes until all the "coal oil" is used up. We would not allow one of the dangerous detonators to be brought within the walls of our "castle;" one method of being "blown up" is quite enough for us; but the most beautiful light we ever saw for domestic use, where gas is not manufactured to hand, was exhibited recently; it was the unexplosive kerosene burning without any chimney or other machinery. It seemed to us to be one of the simplest devices ever offered to public patronage; the light is intense, clear, brilliant; no smoke, no smell. We give it as our impression that active and enterprising young men could make money handsomely by attaining the exclusive privilege of selling these lamps in specified districts, without any other capital than enough to purchase half a dozen at a time; these lamps are made of tin or glass, and can be carried about rapidly all over the house or hung against a wall.—Ex

THE CORN PROSPECT.

The outlook for corn growers is not an encouraging one. Even in central Illinois, the interior of the great corn belt, farmers are barely done planting. Where extraordinary efforts were made by plowing when the land was not in good condition, and planting between rains, the seed has rotted and replanting becomes a necessity, and a short crop at best will be the result. After every rain we have cold, windy and exceedingly unpleasant weather, so that when started the young corn plants make but a feeble growth. The showers yesterday and the atmosphere of today remind one more of April than of mid-June weather. To the North and Northwest of us, from latest accounts the corn crop is more timely and altogether in better condition than in regions where we always look for a corn crop if for nothing else. Iowa for example has in many parts a fine prospect. In Illinois, on the contrary, it will take almost a miracle to bring out the usual average per acre, while in some counties there will not be over two-thirds the acreage expected a month ago. An early frost, such as sometimes visit us, will make the corn crop almost an entire failure. Of course we don't expect this sad state of affairs, but it is what may befall us.

CAUTION.

The farmers of Oxford have been finely mulched of a very large amount of money by some scamps, who have been among them selling patent rights for hay forks to which they had no right. They took notes, got them cashed and made tracks. The farmers are as mad as bears.

THE RED CANADIAN APPLE.

These apples are fast coming in favor. A farmer sold in Detroit, on the 20th of April, a load of these apples at \$7 per barrel. Fruit dealers are preferring red apples to those of other colors.

F. J. LeB., Trenton—We have not seen the Furze growing in Canada. Think it will not thrive here.

PAPER FROM GRASS.

A few days since, attention was directed to the application of a certain kind of grass (SPARTINA CYNOSUROIDES) which grows abundantly in the bottom lands of the Mississippi river, to the manufacture of paper. It is asserted that this material is far superior to straw and several other substances now used for paper-making. It may be of interest to our farmers and manufacturers to know that the grass above named is quite abundant on the St. John river and its tributaries. Where cattle are prevented from grazing along the shores and the slopes below freshet mark, cleared of brush, this grass shows a tendency to occupy the ground, if the shore line in such places is moderately sheltered from the wash of the waves. In some parts of the United States this plant is called "Fresh water cord-grass," but it is better known among New Brunswick farmers as "Bank grass." Its value for fodder does not seem to be appreciated. Owing to the size and hardness of the stalks it is not relished by stock, but if it were passed through a straw-cutter the rich sugary juice with which the stalk is filled would become available. This grass often attains a height of 7 or 8 feet, has a spreading brown head, long, rather tough and dry leaves, and ripens about the first of September. It forms the bulk of the marsh hay gathered on the low interval lands and higher marshes of Kennebecasis river.

MOUNTAIN OF SORROW.

The iron miners of Peterboro complain of the duty on iron, and are leaving Canada.

The salt interest are complaining that American salt is admitted free to our markets, while they must pay a heavy duty to compete in the American.

Our grain merchants complain that American produce is shipped over Canadian lines of railway cheaper than our own.

Our merchants complain of full shelves and empty tills.

Our farmers complain of full barns and promising fields and a low price.

Immigrants complain of hard work on farms, and no sugar in their tea.

Our Immigration Agent complains of receiving a cold shoulder on British soil.

Our money lenders complain because the days of twelve and fifteen per cent are gone by, and farmers do not wish to add the attraction of a mortgage to their farms.

We complain that many who take the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, rest in the belief, that money is not required to issue a paper, and prove their earnestness by not sending us any.

Who is HE?—The "North Wellington Times" says:—"In conversation with a person from the township of Howick, the other day, we were informed that a farmer in that day, we were informed that a farmer in that vicinity had a fine stack of straw last Fall which he deliberately set on fire rather than any of his neighbors should be troubling him for some of it during the winter. Winter came and he fell short of fodder, the result of which was that he lost 23 sheep, 6 cows, a yoke of steers, a yoke of oxen and a horse this spring. Had the greedy, churlish boor been a little more charitable towards his neighbors he would not in all probability have met with this loss.

Youth's Department.

Answers, &c., for Last Number.

Correct answers to Anagram from P. A. Rable, Jr. Maryboro', Eliza Dunlop, Penetanguishene, J. A. Ayerst, Wyandott, H. Ayerst, Wyandott, Sarah L. Harvey, Maryboro' Peter McKinley, Ridgetown, Eliza A. Varnum, North Dorchester.

Duncan McMillan, Elizabethvale; your answers were all correct for May No., but arrived too late for last month's paper.

CHARADE—ANSWER "WORMWOOD."

Correct answers from Elizabeth Potter, East Nissouri, Peter A. McKinley, Ridgetown.

ENIGMA—ANSWER "BORNEO."

Correct answers from Eliza Dunlop, Penetanguishene, Eliza A. Varnum, North Dorchester.

SQUARE WORD ENIGMA.

My first is a small open vessel.
My second is one of the United States.
My third is a genus of plants.
My fourth is a small clumsy animal.
Answer next month.

METAGRAM.

Untouched I chatter here and there,
Alone, or with a noisy group,
And climb with nimbleness in air,
Or hang suspended by a loop.
Of my last two deprived, I sit
In silent mood from day to day,
Where only twilight shadows flit,
And sweetly meditate, and pray.
Answer next month.

ANAGRAM.

Ciev si a tresmon fo os thirgflu niem
Sa ot eb dateh edens tub ot eb esne
Ety snee oto tof railfaim ot reh ceaf
Ew strif dreuen neth tyip eath crabcem.
Answer next month.

Wanted---A Boy with Ten Points.

1. Honest. 2. Pure. 3. Intelligent. 4. Active. 5. Industrious. 6. Obedient. 7. Steady. 8. Obliging. 9. Polite. 10. Neat. One thousand first-rate places are open for one thousand boys who come up to the standard. Each boy can suit his taste as to the kind of business he would prefer. The places are ready in every kind of occupation. Many of them are already filled by boys who lack some of the most important points, but they will soon be vacant. One is in an office not far from where we write. The lad who has the situation is losing his first point. He likes to attend the circus and the theater. This costs more money than he can afford, but somehow he manages to be there frequently. His employers are quietly watching to learn how he gets so much extra spending money; they will soon discover a leak in the money-drawer, detect the dishonest boy, and his place will be ready for some one who is now getting ready for it by observing point No. 1, and being truthful in all his ways. Some situations will soon be vacant because the boys have been poisoned by reading bad books, such as they would not dare to show to their fathers, and would be ashamed to have their mothers see. The impure thoughts suggested by these books, will lead to vicious acts; the boys will be ruined and their places must be filled. Who will be ready for one of these vacancies? Distinguished lawyers, useful ministers, skillful physicians, successful merchants, must all soon leave their