

It has been discovered by Minnesota farmers that two acres of sandstone will supply a family with fuel through a long winter. The wood of the stalks and all of the seed make roaring and cheerful fires.

The essential in keeping better in summer consists in making it properly, and having a cool place to keep it, and excluding it from the air. No butter can be safely packed in warm weather which is not perfectly made, nor can it be kept if exposed to the air.

Four Canadian bullocks were recently sold in one of the Dundee auction yards and brought from £27 to £33 per head. They are the best lot of Canadian cattle ever sold in Dundee.

Professor Bell, writing in Moore's Rural, justly ranks Potamogeton among the best grasses of the United States. It is especially valuable for lawns, at least in nearly all places, making it sown on rich ground and cut often, a soft, thick green turf, desirable for lawns and parks.

POUGHING.

Grand Provincial Match at Prescott, Oct. 16.—The sixth Grand Provincial Ploughing match open to the Province of Ontario took place to-day on the farm of Mr. J. P. Wiser, near the town of Prescott in the County of Grenville.

HOW A WOMAN TRIES UP NEW SHOES.

When a woman has a new pair of shoes sent home, she performs altogether differently from a man. She never shows her toes into them and yanks until she is red in the face and all out of breath.

A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD.

The Canadian edition of Mrs. Brassey's book, "A Voyage to the Sunbeam," is now in press, and will shortly be published by the Ross-Belford Publishing Company.

The vessel which carried the travellers was what might be technically defined as a screw composite, three-masted, top-sail-yard schooner, with engines of 330 indicated horse-power.

MRS. BRASSEY.

disappeared, and it was feared she must have gone overboard down the hawse pipe. The "Sunbeam" sailed from Cowes July 6, called at Torbay, Madeira and Funchal, and the Cape Verde. July 30th they put into Farnal Bay, St. Antonio, for supplies.

Strawberry beds, if intended to be kept over, should, The Massachusetts Plovergrass, thinks, be sowed close after the fruit season, when the ground would be rather drier, and the plants thrive better for the shearing.

November 27th at 1.30 p.m., land was sighted from the mast-head. This was the island of Patafonia, also known as Clarke Island. The sailing directions described the inhabitants as hostile.

November 28th.—Before we had lost sight of Row Island we were on our port bow. I wished very much to land, and at last persuaded Tom, who was rather anxious on the score of the natives, to allow some of us to make the attempt.

Third-class boys under eighteen years of age, a cultivator by Local Committee and 88, John Johnston, Winchester; 2nd prize, \$12, James Barker, Ramsey; 3rd prize, \$10, Alex. MacDonell, Russell; 4th prize, \$8, Morton Manhard, Elizabethtown; 5th prize, \$6, Theo. Byrnes, Augusta; 6th prize, \$5, Theo. Smith, Augusta.

PAIM TREES IN A GARDEN, VERMONT.

land at the point, had it been possible, would have been a doubtful whether it would be safe to go round the corner, and so lose sight of the yacht; but the intentions of the natives seemed pacific, several of them running into the water up to their waists to meet us, while others could be seen hurrying along the beach, the women carrying what looked like the shore men rushed forward to meet us, and to shake hands, and to give some of the natives, and finally gave some of the natives, and finally gave some of the natives, and finally gave some of the natives.

HEALTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

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often even a dangerous complaint, and sometimes medical aid has to be summoned in order to plug the posterior nares or nostrils. It is most commonly met with in people of the sanguineous temperament.

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Female Smugglers.

In a neat brown stone mansion up town lives a keen eyed, sharp-featured woman, who is employed as a searcher in the Custom House.

Madame, we know something of the tricks of smugglers, do you not, the reporter. Of course, there are petty smugglers of both sexes, but for cunning, boldness, and determination, the women cannot be approached. Do you know that woman are born cheats? Oh, well, I mean in this direction. A woman's dress affords her more facilities for hiding small but costly articles, and it is far less easy to detect.

Some very young instances have come under my own observation. I once searched a young lady, a thin-faced, delicate creature, and my reason for so doing was that she appeared rather abnormally developed above the waist. Well, I found in the lining of her corsets a quantity of jewellery, valued at several thousand dollars. She was evidently a new hand at the business, and was quite amazed when we informed her that the jewellery must be confiscated to the use of Government.

Yes, quite a number of lady searchers are employed by the Custom House authorities. When a party is suspected she is taken into a private apartment and there carefully stripped, garment after garment, even her boots and stockings are removed and her underclothing examined rigorously. This is done despite the most affecting protestation on the part of the victim. It very often happens that a lady will pass the stripping ordeal successfully. Nothing is found on her, and the searcher is afraid a mistake has been made, but a lucky rip of the corset, dress or pantaloons brings to light a glittering mass of carefully concealed precious stones or costly lace.

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