

AMERICAN NOTES.

Strawberries are only 75 cents a peck in New York. From 1848 to January 1, 1881, California turned out in gold and silver \$2,130,258,000. It is estimated that about 1,000,000 tons of ice will be harvested this season in and around Boston.

A cool marriage fee was received by a Brooklyn clergyman, the other day—a lot of ice tickets. The American Miller puts the area of the United States available for wheat at 470,000,000 acres.

Four quinine pills administered to a sick elephant at Bridgeport, Conn., a few days ago cost five dollars each. The latest journalistic venture in Cincinnati is a penny paper with no name. It goes wherever there is one sent.

The ice is so thick and the water so low in some of the Michigan marshes that the muskrats are dying of starvation. The Senate of Missouri has rejected, by a vote of nearly two to one, a bill to set up a whipping-post for the punishment of petty thieves.

A girl with diphtheria was sent from one relative to another, at Green Lake, Wis., each refusing to take her in, until she died in the wagon. In consideration of "saying nothing more about it," a Cleveland citizen has just received \$5,000 from a wealthy citizen who assaulted him a year ago.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature of Arkansas providing for the creation of the office of railroad supervisor to regulate railroad business. The names of towns and settlements in Arizona possess the names of animals, and some are some of them—Tombstone, Good Enough, Tough Nut, Contention, Family Fuss, and Discipline.

The St. Louis Christian Advocate announces that it will hereafter reject all advertisements of patent medicines, although this course will diminish its yearly receipts several thousand dollars. A bill to revive the whipping post for wife-beaters is likely to pass the Indiana Legislature. It limits the punishment to twenty-five strokes on the bare back with the cat-o'-nine-tails.

Between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 pounds of pork is an unusual amount to be cooked all at one time. The Indianapolis fire, of which this was the fatal result, took place at a place that has taken place in America for many a long year. The last two members of a family were burned to death in December, 1880, in one day last week. Their brother was killed before Vickburg, their father was drowned, and their only sister was burned to death some months ago.

Accounts of great snow slides being given from the Rocky Mountains. On 10th of December, Utah, four men were found suffocated in a cave that had been closed for many years. In Montana a herd of two hundred cattle was buried and killed. Dr. Carson, of Leechburg, Penn., while attending a severe case of diphtheria, is said to have received a letter from a woman on his hand, and to have died a day or two afterward in consequence. The initials were felt within two hours of the receipt.

Colorado papers record a marriage by telegraph. The contracting parties and witnesses were in the office of the Santa Fe Company at La Junta. The bride was Miss M. Wilson, was in the office at West Las Animas, Col. The questions and answers and declaration were sent over the wires, and every body commended it.

There is a movement in St. Louis to strictly enforce the Sunday law. By a provision of the Act, Jews may work on Sunday if they employ a Christian. The Globe-Democrat declares that, if interfered with, it will employ Jews exclusively to get out the Monday morning edition.

CURRENT HUMOUR.

If you happen to print a kiss you need not publish it. If babies are included, the Home Rule party is large. Shipwrecked sailors never need starve while there is a light of rope left—Lionel O'Brien.

The Egyptian emblem of a snake with its tail in its mouth was the earliest sign of the "swallow tail." Trifles light as hair sometimes turn the whole course of a man's fortune—New Orleans Picayune.

"I'm up 'n' your children was this world without their wraps, rap them when they come back. There is a society in England called the Myrtle Society, of which Mrs. Kyrle is president. They read Kyrle papers to their meetings.

A liverman thinks the greatest thing in the day is young man with thick skin. He eagerly says it is absolutely impossible that a young man should be so fat. A young lawyer wishing to cite an authority, and not being able to remember it, his opponent remarked, "Though I do not know the name, I know the case."

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AGRICULTURAL.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Macdonald and Carling Agricultural Society have, with commendable enterprise, resolved to make a display at the Toronto International Exhibition of the products of the farm, field, and stock, for the purpose of giving the outside world something like a correct conception of the resources of the Perry Sound district. This contribution will constitute an attractive feature of the coming Exhibition.

Chicagans formerly was the great hog-raising country, but Chicago has long given her the go-by. In 1879-80 "Porkopolis" that is Cincinnati, packed only 500,000 carcasses, while Chicago packed 1,925,000. During the present season Cincinnati has packed 318,000, while Chicago got away with 2,885,000. Trichinosis has had no effect on the killing, but it will probably have on the sale, and cheap pork may be looked for this year.

With the high price of fuel, householders will be pleased to learn, even on the rather doubtful authority of a Pennsylvania man, that the winter is very nearly over. He bases his prediction on the fact that the horses have already commenced to shed their winter coats, and that it is not probable for them to throw off their overcoats until the necessity for them has passed. Last year, says the horse, the horses shed their coats about their hair until the middle of March.

A vigorous crusade is being carried on in some cities of the States against grocers and others who palm off oleomargarine, butterine, and other inferior grades of margarine upon their customers as butter. The favorite method adopted by dealers in these mixtures is to put the stuff in tins and tins, and sometimes in rolls, the tin or paper having a mark on it, resembling that of the genuine product, and charging the genuine price. After a protracted and close winter butter is bound to go up in price, and the purchaser is likely for people even in this city to keep their eyes open against adulteration.

FOR THE FARMER.

Mr. John C. Kilborn, a Beaverville fruit grower, says the peach crop is safe. One gallon of nestlé's milk mixed with four ounces of lampblack makes a hard resinous oil. A London firm has shipped four cars loads of apples to Chicago, being part of 30,000 barrels of fruit.

A horse disease affecting the throat is known as Louisa. Mr. Sheriff lost an animal on Tuesday from it. Piny teeth in stallions invented the saw. This was the first saw that we have recorded used in Madras in 1420.

When strawberry plants are set in rows three feet apart and a foot apart in the rows it produces 30,000 for an acre. The late purchase in the summer his mill for his stock, which is cheaper than it is in the winter.

Cattle-skinners are at work near San Antonio, Texas. They kill cattle belonging to others, steal the hides, and leave the carcasses to decay. The exportation of American live hogs to Germany has been found very profitable, about 24 per cent, of the hog dies on the voyage.

Charred corn is one of the best things which can be fed to hens to make them lay. It must be fed as a regular diet, but in limited quantities each day. There is no probability that milking either heifer or cow before the calves will do her any harm, while neglecting or objecting to do so may do serious injury.

Mr. J. W. Gay, of Dedham, Mass., harvested one acre and one-half of acres of land the past autumn seventy bushels of winter rye, and one hundred of winter wheat. A simple and effective remedy for lice on cattle is to give them a thorough dousing over with wood ash every other day, brushing out the dousing daily.

To heavily feed a cow of small milking capacity is very poor economy. Rich food will produce good results when fed to cows that give large quantities of rich milk. It is said by some that milk that is most profitable to grow for beef stock can be turned off at two years old. Greater age will give weight, but at a much increased cost.

In the Senate on Monday the cattle disease bill was taken up and five of the eleven sections read. Thurman criticized the machinery to be created by it as complicated and unnecessary.

The New York Commercial says the report of a corner in the produce market is regarded as entirely sensational. The home consumption had caused a rise in prices, and the difficulty of getting hogs to market is another reason.

During the comparative leisure of the winter, a prudent grower will take care to get in readiness for the coming year. He will buy a little more stock, and will save hard and long time in the busy season of the year.

Mr. T. D. Godefrich, has a horse which is 43 years old. It has been in the possession of its owner for 30 years. The horse is a healthy animal, and the boys ought to be allowed to enjoy it, don't think that a generous soul; set that man down as a glutton—Boston Post.

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SHEEP HUSBANDRY.

The Best Breeds and How to Keep Them.

Many run-down pastures could, in a few years, be brought up to their original fertility by turning upon them flocks of sheep, which would have extra feedings of bran, oatmeal, and other nutritious food. As sheep distribute their droppings more evenly upon the ground than any other of our domesticated animals, the fertilization would be general over the whole field. Thus, by the judicious feeding of sheep, such pastures might soon be prepared to sustain a heavier stock of cattle. Rotation in feeding pastures might thus prove as remunerative as rotation in cropping arable land. Much cost removal considerable amounts of phosphoric acid from their milk, while sheep would return a large percentage of this valuable material in their droppings, even should they have no other feed than the natural food from the pasture. There are few hill pastures which do not contain more or less bushes, with frequently large supplies of brambles, blackberry vines and the like, grass which sheep love to browse, as well as upon the young and tender twigs of trees, all of which are valuable for their phosphoric acid. Sheep will eat a great deal of the roots of grasses. A large area of our light sandy soil could be made more fertile by feeding a crop of winter rye, say as early as the first of September, when the sheep might be turned upon it in November. The rye would be improved by the sheep, and the winter would be better than rye not fed off. 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