

Miscellaneous.

PERIODIC THUNDER STORM IN CEYLON. In the afternoon, between three and four o'clock, every day since our arrival, there has been a terrific thunder-storm for nearly an hour, and they tell us these storms will continue with the same regularity for several weeks.

It is as amusing as the sight of the pigeons in Venice after the bronze patriarch of San Marco has dealt two sturdy sledge blows to watch the natives day after day just before and after the thunder storm. The streets that have been full suddenly become deserted as the hour approaches.

They do not wait for the clouds to gather, for the clouds do not come up till they are ready to come down, nor for the wind to blow, for very little wind blows through the day to gather up the clouds hardly more than a breeze springs up to disperse them. They come, they go. So do the natives. It is impossible to say where either the clouds come from or the people go. Suddenly and silently, while we are strolling down the street after dinner, in the highest sunshine imaginable, we find ourselves alone.

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A man who has been blind since his childhood, when he was five years old, has been cured of his blindness in the last few days. He is now able to read and to write, and to do any other thing that a man can do.

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Why is a bad shot like an amusing companion?—Because he is the boy to keep the game alive.

During the siege of Plevna the Russians, by the disposition of their reserved forces, and by a system of telegraphic signals which they organized, were able to quickly reinforce any threatened point.

Boston is now rejoicing in a lady who possesses a phenomenal voice—Miss Lottie Sergeant, who is able to sing each of the four parts of a quartette with equal ease. Her voice is considered one of the most remarkable ever known.

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BETTER STILL.

THE Subscribers have lately received per "Atwood": 100 bbs. Choice Flour, 100 do. K. D. Corn Meal, "Gold Drop," 100 Bags Fresh Graham Meal, 50 "Cracked Corn," 50 "White Eagle," and "Avalanche." Also in stock—50 Bales Larder Raisins, do. 4 boxes "Purty Rice" Sugars, Tea, Blisses, Spices, &c.

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Agricultural.

MAGNITUDE OF THE DAIRY INTEREST. In an address before the Western Reserve Dairy Association, by Sherman Tracy, some statistics are given, showing the amount of capital invested in the dairy business in the United States, which are a rather startling exhibit to those who have never given the subject thought.

REST AS A CURE—ALL FOR HORSES. Two years ago I had a mare go lame with a spavin. She was worked a good deal until about a year ago, when she was sold.

SELECTION OF SEED. The corn crop may be greatly increased by selecting the best seed. There are varieties now coming into use which have the habit of bearing more than one ear to the stalk.

Improved seed, like improved stock, must be grown with special care, or it will rapidly go back to its original state.

COOKED MEAT.—There is one mistake almost universally made. Underdone meat is not, as is generally supposed, more nutritious than that which has been properly cooked.

THE LAUNDRY.—All articles designed for washing should be cleaned up before they are put into the water.

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CLEANLINESS.—No dirty old lumber should be permitted to collect in the house, bones, old shoes and boots, old woollen clothes, and pieces of carpet are all fruitful causes of impurity and even sickness.

Joker's Corner.

Men who make their mark are very often persons who cannot write. 'A lawyer,' said Snodgrass, 'is a professional gentleman, who rescues your estate from your enemies and keeps it himself.'

'The trouble with me,' said a ruined merchant, 'was that I ran in debt so fast that I was unable to return in time to meet my obligations, and they didn't wait for me.'

'I've made up my mind to be a rascal,' said a young man, 'and to do so, to which the old jurist replied, 'You had better examine yourself thoroughly, and see if you are not better qualified for a fool.'

'I never enjoy poetry when I am a cookin', said an old lady. 'But when I step out to feed the hogs, and I hint myself on the fence and throw my soul in a few lines of Cap'n Jinks, it does seem as if this airth was made to live on, after all!'

'Drink to me only with thine eyes.' She was his mother-in-law, and his gallylantry tickled her vanity. He was glad it made her leave go of the bottle. If she had gone on drinking to him with her mouth there'd been none left for him.

'Here's my wife and I,' said a husband, with much complacency, to his silver-wedding guests, 'who have been married five and twenty years, and in all that time haven't had a single unkind word with each other.' 'By Jove!' exclaimed one of the guests, 'what a stupid time you must have had of it!'

'A Virginia negro boy who professed to be dreadfully taken with the cholera, took to the woods to avoid it, and there was found asleep. Being asked why he went to the woods, he said, 'To pray.' 'But,' said the overseer, 'how is it that you went to sleep?' '—Don't know, mas', 'zactly,' responded the negro, 'but I expect I must have overplayed myself!'

'What's the use of wrangling? No body can tell how easy it is to get along without wrangling till they try. I like to sleep on the front side of the bed; so does my wife; but we didn't wrangle about it—we just moved the bed in the centre of the room. It's a heap easier than wrangling 'bout it.'