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Closed the Hotel

An example of the absolute power which the British officers in France have been given over the French civilians is given in a story told by young American artist now at Etaples. Two English Colonels arrived at the Hotel de la Gare, Etaples. They told some of the Americans staying there they had not slept in a bed for three weeks. They commanded their orderly to reserve rooms for them, and turned into the dining-room. The orderly obeyed, but the landlady—who has been making a small fortune since the war—proceeded to give the rooms to other travellers who arrived shortly after the Colonels, and from whom she thought she would get more money.

When the Colonels found out that their rooms were gone, they summoned the landlady. One of them fixed her with his monocle and said, in perfect French, "Your hotel is closed for the rest of the war."

There the matter rested for a couple of hours, but a few of the Americans managed to get the affair straightened out by having the landlady apologize, and having some men give up their rooms to the Colonels. The British power is absolute, but just, and quite in accord with the reasonable rights of French citizens. The British pay so well for everything that they are quite winning their way into the hearts of the French peasants.

Potash in Agriculture

For many years the Strassfurt mines in Germany have been practically the sole source of the potash compounds used for fertilizing purposes on this continent. Among the evil effects resulting from the present war, therefore, may be counted the cutting off from the markets of the world the supply of this material. Dr. Shutt, dominion chemist, regards this circumstance as not so serious as some may consider. In order to place his views before the farmers of Canada, Dr. Shutt has issued Circular No. 7 of the Experimental Farms, "Potash in Agriculture." It takes up the subject under several heads and reaches the following conclusions:

"It is only our light, sandy and gravelly soils that are markedly deficient in potash and this element is only specially called for by clover, potatoes, roots and leafy crops generally. There is yet some potash in the market though it will probably have to be purchased in the form of a complete fertilizer. We have several Canadian sources of potash available to the farmer—notably liquid manure, wood ashes and sea weed—materials rich in this useful constituent and which are more or less readily obtainable in many parts of the Dominion. And lastly there are the indirect potassic fertilizers, which, though not adding to the sum total of the soil's potash, yet may serve a useful purpose by liberating it in available forms and thus in times such as the present may help to tide us over until potash compounds are once more upon the market."

This circular is available free at the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

Clean Stomach, Clear Mind.—The stomach is the workshop of the vital functions and when it gets out of order the whole system clogs in sympathy. The spirits flag, the mind droops and work becomes impossible. The first care should be to restore healthful action of the stomach and the best preparation for that purpose is Parmelec's Vegetable Pills. General use for years has won them a leading place in medicine. A trial will attest their value.

Farm and Garden

BLIGHT AMONG POTATOES.

How Disease Can Be Prevented During the Present Year.

A recurrence of late blight and dry rot among potatoes can be prevented next season. Clean seed is the great essential. Seed treatment is not effective for this particular disease.

The late blight dry rot exists to a considerable extent among storage potatoes, says E. C. Stakman, assistant plant pathologist of the Minnesota experiment station, St. Paul. If such lots are used for seed next season the disease may again be very destructive.



SEED POTATOES.

especially if weather conditions favor its spread. It is therefore of vital importance that healthy seed be used.

The Minnesota experiment station pathologists have been misquoted with reference to methods of securing such healthy seed. The soaking of seed potatoes is necessary in controlling some diseases, but treatment with formaldehyde or corrosive sublimate will not prevent late blight.

Seed potatoes should be secured from fields which have not had any of the disease during the past year. If healthy tubers are planted and the vines thoroughly sprayed with bordeaux mixture the disease can be controlled.

Seed Potato Imports.

The cultivation of potatoes, which were originally introduced into Germany from the United States, has been brought to such a wonderful stage of development that two distinct classes of potatoes are raised, the one rich in carbohydrates, but poor in nitrogenous matter for the fermentation industry, and the other rich in nitrogenous matter for eating purposes.

Curiously enough, seed potatoes are now imported into the United States from Germany because our farmers allowed this vegetable to degenerate to such a degree that it has substantially lost all value for seeding. The science of fertilizing achieved the amazing result that Germany's soil, although cultivated for almost 2,000 years, is today more productive than the virgin soil of the United States and Canada.

Deserted farms like those of the New England states and the state of New York are unknown in the empire. Chemistry is not only educating the farmer in scientific fertilizing, but producing the requisite artificial fertilizers.—Popular Science Monthly.

Kansas Silo Census.

Kansas has 7,137 silos. This is something like fifty-one silos to every county in the state, but there are twenty-one counties having less than a dozen and several having no silos whatever within their boundaries. Five of the rich Kansas counties have more than 200 silos and are reporting constant increases. The silo is changing the sky line of the Sunflower State, and it is changing other things as well. For one thing the stove, pit, brick, concrete and other forms of silos are helping to make Kansas one of the really prosperous states of the Union. It might help for the agricultural authorities in other states to make a census similar to the one just completed by Kansas. Comparisons are sometimes stimulating.—Farm Progress.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Chop every old, useless and dying tree out of the orchard, keeping a memorandum of the number of trees thus removed and putting in an early order for others.

Wood ashes are good fertilizer for grapevines. They will supply the necessary potash for them, and if the same amount of poultry droppings is added to the ashes the undesirable

rank growth that too much ashes sometimes cause will be kept down.

Currents need little protection except from deep snows, which sometimes break down the branches when setting in the spring.

Watch the mulched strawberries. The mulch may be too heavy, and if warm, muggy weather prevails there is danger of injury.

There is no one who ought to have a better garden than the farmer who has all the land necessary with teams and usually help to care for it.

Cold frames, hotbeds, greenhouses and mushroom caves are all used for forcing rhubarb, but, lacking these, one may utilize an ordinary root cellar.

Parlor Stunts.

Prepare a large circular cardboard target and to this affix as many dark red or blue bullseyes as there are guests, having back of each bullseye a tiny slip of paper on which is written directions for some stunt, such as whistling a tune, singing a song, standing with the face in the corner or any trick which suggests itself to the hostess as likely to amuse the company. Provide a bow and arrow and ask each guest in turn to shoot at the target until an arrow pierces some one of the bullseyes. The player then takes the slip of paper which his arrow has pierced and stands in readiness to perform the "stunt" written upon it, although he must not tell what it is until his turn comes for amusing the company.

"Robin Adair."

At one of Whittier's birthday celebrations one of the guests was a noted singer, who, when she was asked to sing, sang "Robin Adair." While she was singing Whittier's pet dog came into the room and sat down beside the piano, listening very carefully. When she had finished the dog shook hands with her and licked her face. Mr. Whittier told her that the dog's name was Robin Adair. From this time on the dog scarcely left her. He followed her everywhere, and when she went away he seemed to feel very bad.

A Young Musician.

Men seem to become musicians because of the inspiration born within them, and the force is developed at an early age. Handel, who was the greatest musical composer of his age, was so devoted to music in childhood that his father forbade his musical studies. At the age of eleven he greatly delighted and surprised Frederick I. of Prussia by his inspiring playing. In his youth he was made organist at Halle.

Silent Letters.

Of vowels, all—good, better, best—The loud, round "O" is noisier. The rest have ways more laudable Because they're all in A-U-I-E.—St. Nicholas.

Shirring Is Popular.

Shirring is one of the methods of trimming. Heavy velvet is held in place by shirring over cords, and this method of arranging the fullness answers the twofold purpose of trimming and of making the fabric more weighty.

CULINARY NOTES.

Try serving orange fritters with ham. It is a delicious accompaniment.

When buying bacon choose that with a thin rind and with fat of a pinkish white.

Beets, carrots and parsnips all contain a large percentage of sugar. Carrots and parsnips when young and tender are very nutritious.

A large piece of brown paper creased so that it will fit the bottom and sides of the bread box will absorb the extra moisture and keep the bread from molding.

If there is a little mashed potato left warm it up in a double boiler, adding some milk and some cheese. It will be found very tasty.

Negligee Sashes.

A sash is a part of many of the smartest negligees. Sometimes it is no more than a piece of narrow black velvet ribbon which is knotted about the waist. Sometimes it is a wide, soft silk sash that is tied in a loose, floppy bow in the back or at the side. Sometimes a sash is formed from an extension of the two fronts folded about the waist and clasped under a jeweled fastening at the back. Of course a big bow is rather out of place in a negligee, which, in spite of its daintiness, should be durable enough to withstand rather hard treatment. For when one is resting or dressing one seldom cares to be careful of the gown one wears.

The Patent Medicine Fraud That Plays on Women's Fears

There is an article in Harper's Weekly of January 9th, entitled "Suffering Women," that no woman reader of the Guide-Advocate should miss; and the purpose of this article is to bring it directly to the attention of our readers. It is the leading article in that number of this high class publication and its charges and statements are plainly and fearlessly made. It deals with one of the greatest and vilest classes of frauds preying upon the public to-day and living on the wages of a woman's fears—the patent medicine swindle—of which possibly Viavi is one of the best known examples.

Women, not men, says the writer, are the financial prop of the patent medicine swindle. By nature more credulous and fearful, and brought in to intimate contact with ailment and suffering by their physical organization, they lend themselves with pathetic eagerness to the fraudulent schemes of the health poisoners. "Female weakness" are magic words that rarely fail to tap a golden stream and it is among those who prey on the terrors of the mother sex that the great fortunes are found. Scientific analysis has failed to reveal a so-called "woman's remedy" that, in its essence, is not a cheat, working inevitably to the hurt of the victim and yet the "female weaknesses" panderer, after winning riches, goes not to jail, but mounts to a high place in civic and religious organizations, and becomes a pillar in society.

Harper's Weekly in this article takes the Wine of Cardui and Viavi as the two principal "suffering women" businesses and gives a most illuminative exposition of these remedies, their promoters and their methods. It shows from the reports of the chemists of the American Medical Association that there is no grape-wine in the Wine of Cardui; that it is over 20 per cent. absolute alcohol, and that to this ingredient only is probably due any medicinal effect it may possess. The story of its chief manufacturer as told by Harper's is, to say the least, most interesting reading.

And then it pays its respects to Viavi, "that other heaven-sent boon to ailing women." Compared with the richly passionate claims of Viavi, it says, those of Cardui are cold and pale. There is no female ill for which it is not a sovereign panacea and best of all "a distinctive feature of the Viavi treatment is the permanency of the cure." And yet what is it? The capsules subjected to analysis, were reported on as follows: "So far as we are able to determine, they contain nothing but the extract of hydrastis (turmeric root) and cocoa butter." The Viavi business was started about twenty years ago by two brothers named Law. Today they are among the wealthiest men in San Francisco, owning the Fairmount Hotel. One of the brothers is a high official of the Y.M.C.A., says Harper's, giving generously to that worthy institution of the money wrung from the sale of hydrastis and cocoa butter to sick and suffering women. How the Viavi fraud is worked and well-meaning women and unsophisticated pastors have been used as pawns in the game of quackery is fully illustrated in this article in Harper's.

Germany's Tune Changes

That it should be necessary for the Kaiser to issue an imperial order forbidding German merchants from stamping the words "God punish England" on their correspondence, as they have lately been doing with rubber stamps made for the purpose, shows how deep and widespread is the feeling in Germany that everything is not going as the victory bulletins from the German war office would have the people believe. "God punish England!" For what? For the "victory" which the German navy achieved over Admiral Beatty in the North Sea? For the intense success which Von Moltke declares attended the German scheme of "besieging France"? Oh, no. It would be a very different tune if the people believed their war lords. "God punish England!" is only part of the universal thought in Germany. "Because we can't" is the other part. The shadow of overwhelming defeat is already over Germany. It is not only on their letters that the Germans have been giving expression to their feelings in this way. According to a correspondent of the

London Daily Mail, a new form of greeting has displaced the conventional formulas of salutation and farewell: "God punish England!" is the form of address, to which the reply is: "May God punish her!" This extraordinary formula is celebrated in a set of verses by Herr Hochstetter, in a recent number of the well-known German weekly, Lustige Blatter, and the correspondent asserts that this new chant of hate was actually among the prayers at Bruges cathedral on the Kaiser's birthday! The Montreal Herald and Daily Telegraph says the Allies must indeed have made great progress to have brought the foe to such a state of impotent raving.

LAMBTON SHOULD HAVE A MODEL FARM

Member for East Lambton Says the County Deserves It by the Pace It Has Set

Toronto, March 4.—Dr. J. B. Martyn, of East Lambton, to-day carried off the honors for delivering one of the shortest, brightest and most entertaining speeches of the Legislature of the session thus far. He made it clear that as a new member coming into the House he came with an unusual honor in representing East Lambton, the banner riding of the west. Not only did it lead in productivity but also in the class of brainy men it sent into public life. He called to witness Hon. I. B. Lucas and Hon. W. J. Hanna, amid the applause of the House.

In remarking on the excellent work of the latter in reforms of hospitals and asylums he referred to one special branch where the good accomplished was without measure and where scores of splendid women were saved to their province yearly. In his own experience that of a medical man, he had seen enough of the workings of Mr. Hanna's legislation to swear by it on all occasions.

The changing of the name "asylum" to "hospital for the insane" had shown wonderful results in Western Ontario. It showed a broad-hearted conception on the part of the minister who originated it.

"East Lambton is anxious that the Government go on in temperance legislation," he declared. "We will stand behind the premier and the provincial secretary as far as they go."

He argued for demonstration farms to be set up in each of the counties. Lambton especially, deserved one because of the large crop output and the fact that it set the pace for others. He pledged the loyalty and support of his riding in all patriotic undertakings.

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Plympton Council

Council met as per adjournment on February 27th, members all present. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

A bylaw appointing pathmasters, pondkeepers, fence viewers, and sheep inspectors, and also the Matthews and McAuslan drain bylaws were finally passed.

Councillor Burnley was authorized to have three steel stringers and a new wooden top put on the Kennedy bridge. Archie Smith made a complaint of the Hartley drain being out of repair, which was entertained, and the clerk instructed to notify J. A. Baird, O. L. S., and C. E., to examine, and if necessary, make a survey, prepare plans and send in a report.

A motion was carried to ask the Provincial Legislative Assembly to distribute to the different rural municipalities, according to their respective mileage of roads, the full amount collected by the province for automobile licenses, or any increase thereon, also that our members of the Legislature be asked to support the same.

A complaint was made by Wm. Beer, lot 28, con. 10, which was referred to the reeve and councillor of the ward, with power to act.

Accounts were passed as follows: The Topic, advertising Peacock, drain \$3.40; the Topic, advertising Lawson drain, \$2.40; James McLean, sr., services re board of health, \$3.00; the Municipal World, assessment notices, \$2.70; J. S. McLean, expenses to Hydro Electric meeting at Toronto, \$9.50; R. W. McLaren, expenses to the same, \$9.20; A. B. Wark, commission Barr drain, \$8.00; J. A. Simpson, gravel for township use, \$7.50.

Council adjourned to meet March 27th, at 10 a.m., for general business.

THOS. NISBET, Clerk.

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