

OUR CURIOSITY COLUMN.

Right of Sanctuary.

Sanctuary was a place of refuge and of safety for offenders of various kinds. All churches and churchyards were, down to the time of Henry VIII., invested with this protective power.

Lilies for Food.

In a lecture to a girls' assemblage not long ago, Professor Ames of Columbia College said that in some parts of India the lily is actually used as an article of diet.

Crowned After Death.

The most curious coronation ceremony on record was that of Inez de Castro—the Queen crowned after death—who was murdered in the 14th century by three assassins.

The Electric Reader.

An English correspondent writes: We are now in familiar enjoyment of the "electric reader" on the district railway.

A Fatal Glove.

The "Warsaw Courier" reports a singular fatality which occurred a few days ago in that city. A young Jewess from Kieff was visiting her friends in the Polish capital.

Her Bank Was Her Bustle.

One day lately an elderly lady residing in Kenosha, Wis., suddenly dropped dead from some heart trouble.

The Scotch cattle breeders are in high feather this year. There were sold at public sales in Scotland, 1896 cattle at an average of \$108 per head.

AGRICULTURAL.

Money in Butter.

A practical authority speaking at a farmers' convention recently, said truly that few farmers were making money. He said: We have struck an era of low prices, and it requires great economy to make both ends meet.

The way to look at this subject is to divest ourselves of all prejudice and old notions. The Merino has stood the test of ages, and is the cosmopolitan sheep. They are the poor man's friend and the dependence of the ranch man.

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A Word on Feeding Dairy Cows.

For more than twenty years I have practiced feeding but two meals per day and with satisfactory results. Cows can eat in two meals all they need or can digest.

Charcoal.

A farmer who has raised turkeys many years and who takes pleasure in making experiments, writes that charcoal, turkey-fat and diamonds are alike in some respects.

Farm Fodder.

Put in your best hocks all the time.—[Country Gentleman.] Feed your crops, and your crop will feed you.—[Western Plowman.]

Onions From Sets.

Now the feed of the cows from which we obtain the manure is largely nitrogenous, being bran, shorts and ground coker from the flour mills.

wood ashes or of wood ashes and bones, the ashes and bones having been previously packed in barrels and sufficiently moistened with water to reduce the bones to small particles as fine as ground. The rains will leach the ashes and let loose such an amount of plant food from the manure that the crop will now be seen to grow exceedingly rapid.

The Value of Merino Sheep.

Mr. Beecher of Livonia, N. Y., speaking before a farmers' institute, said: The development of the Merino sheep for the last half century has been wonderful, from the bare-faced, bow-legged, thinly-covered four-pound fleeced sheep to the magnificent specimens of the present day, with their dense fleeces of large weight.

The Price of Coal in England.

The advance in the price of coal in England has caused not a little trouble to the great railway companies. The London & Northwestern Railway Company, for example, has paid each month, under contract with large collieries, about \$110,000 for its fuel, buying coal at the rate of 61 per ton.

An Incredible Juggling feat.

A most remarkable story reaches me from Sutherland, England. At the Overcast Hotel there a tame raven belonging to the proprietor, Mr. Duncan Mackay, has performed a juggling feat which appears incredible on the face of it, were it not that its owner can produce his own evidence as well as that of the other eye-witnesses.

The New Extradition Treaty.

A new extradition treaty has been agreed upon by the British Minister at Washington, Sir Julian Pauncefote, and U. S. Secretary of State J. G. Blaine. It provides that those shall be extraditable a variety of offenses, including murder, manslaughter, counterfeiting of money, embezzlement of money or other valuable articles, fraud by a banker, agent or officer of similar character, perjury or subornation of perjury, rape, abduction, child stealing, kidnapping, burglary, house breaking or shop breaking, piracy, revolt or conspiracy to revolt on shipboard at sea.

A Girl's Toilet Articles.

A sensible girl will not keep a lot of cosmetics and drugs on her toilet table, but there are a few articles she should always have in a convenient place. She should have an array of glass-stopped bottles containing alcohol, alum, camphor, borax, ammonia and glycerine or vaseline.

So Near And Yet So Far.

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A Friend's Suggestion.

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Bad for the Machine Politicians.

The Australian system of voting is not making an unopposed triumphal march through the land of the "stars and stripes." Its hampering restrictions and provisions are an offence to the machine politicians. The Democratic papers especially, are loud in its condemnation, the New York "Sun" designating it, the "disfranchising" Australian system.

Dom Pedro and Bashey Park.

London World: The announcement in the papers that Bashey Park "has been placed at the disposal of the emperor and empress of Brazil by the queen" is unfounded. Bashey has for many years been leased by the queen to the duc de Nemours, father of the Comte d'Eu, and her majesty simply informed his royal highness (who has been staying at Bashey for a few days) that she has no objection to the place being occupied by the emperor and empress if they wished to visit England.

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