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There are certain plants which seem to

The most simple seeds known to the A single seed vessel of the tobacco plant ontains usually about 1,000 seeds.

The Indian turkey wheat has been known to produce 2,000 on a single stalk. Hay declares that the seed of a single spleen wort will \_\_mber at least 1,000,000. There are apple trees in England that

Orchids are all true parasites, growing aly on limbs or bark of other plants or

Parasitic plants, as well as parasitic nsects, will not flourish save on the

bodies of other organisms. Many small plants float in the air and

flourish wherever they may accidentally light and take root. In ancient Greece the parsley was a funeral plant, and there was a tradition

What is called "elm dust" is really the seeds of the tree, which ripens before the leaves are perfectly formed. It is estimated by naturalists that there are not less than 100,000 varieties of plants

already known and classified. The roots of the yucca are extensively used as a substitute for soap in many parts of Mexico and Central America. Sometimes vegetable growth is very rapid. The common mushroom attains its full size in less than twenty-four

The slippery elm contains in its inner bark a great quantity of mucilage, which gives it its peculiar property and name, Many plants take root in the clefts of rocks and precipices where no soil is visible and grow sometimes to considerable

plants when completely ripe explode, scattering the seeds to considerable dis-

Darwin and Tyndall proved what naturalists before their time suspected, that the air is literally full of plant germs The truffle is one of the most extraor

dinary of vegetable growths. It has neither root, stem, flowers, leaves, nor visible Great extents of country have been planted with fir and juniper trees by the thrushes and other small birds which

feed upon the seed. The fern has a most peculiar and original arrangement of its seeds, these being disposed in regular order on the backs of

the leaves. The sensitive plant seems almost to possess intelligence. When touched or even approached, its leaves shrink away,

as though in fear. All trees have seeds. In some, however, the seeds are so small, in proportion to the size of the tree, that they altogether escape ordinary notice:

Beggars' lice is the common name of the Cynoglessum Morisoni. It is so-called from the readiness with which the seeds where to fur, wool or cloth.

Many plants have long and slender stems, and the seeds growing at the top are shaken out and scattered, often to a considerable distance by the breezes. The willow is one of the most adaptable of plants. A willow switch stuck in the wet ground will almost invariably take. root and become a tree.

a plowing and prepare it for the reception of such seeds as may fall upon it. The wood of the elm is tough because its fibers, instead of lying in straight lines parallel to each other, are interlaced and crossed at every conceivable angle.

EVERY DAY ITEMS.

Humility is the perfume of saints. Politeness costs little and yields much Never shirk a duty to dodge a criti-

One hour to-day is worth two to He who serves willingly serves grace

Never attempt duty but in God's strength. It is brave to overcome: it is saintly !

Borrowed trouble is always the mos It is not great deeds but faithful liver

Whenever love talks to us, it speaks our mother tongue A better thing than riches is content ment without them.

The more we love men, the more w see in them to love. Study to be quiet, except when duty calls upon you to speak A man without mirth is like a wago

without springs. Every day of our life is a page in o book. How are you writing? Self-denial is the virtue that is mo

Don't try to offset the meanness of to day with the goodness of yesterday. Charles Lamb said that 'a laugh worth a hundred groans at any market. First keep thyself in peace, and the thou shalt be able to pacify others. Consider well what you can and ought to do, and be faithful in performing it. You have a place in society peculiarly your own; endeavor to find out where it is and heep it.

GOLDEN RULE PROVERBS.

Life makes alive. Play well, work well.

If your goal has no room for brother, it has no room for joy.

EARLY AND LATE.

Go to bed early-wake up with joy; Go to bed late-cross girl or boy Go to bed early-ready for play: Go to bed late moping all day. Go to bed carly no pains or ills, Go to bed late doctors and pills. -St. Nicholas

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CASTORIA.

SOME COMMON TOOLS.

Rakes, hoes and other agricultural im-

only harrow was a large pile of brush or tree branches, dragged across the field by tree oranches, dragged across the new sy a team of oxen.

Corks for bottles were first manufactured in Spain and Italy, some time during the fourteenth century. Corkscrews were contemporaneous with corks.

Knives of flint and other stone breaking with a sharp fracture were known in early times. When the Spaniards invaded Mexico the natives had knives of volcanic glass.

Spades and shovels, together with scoops, are found depicted on the walls of Egyptian catacombs and all three are frequently mentioned by Roman and Greek agricultural writers.

Watches were first called Nuremburg eggs; some of them were 5 or 6 inches in diameter, as large as the small-sized cheap clocks now exhibited in store windows. They were first made in 1447.

The blacksmith's bellows is attributed to Anachorsis, the Scythian, who is said also to have been the inventor of the potter's wheel, of ship anchors and other pieces of mechanism and the discoverer of the valuable properties of tinder.

The invention of the purse was doubtless contemporaneous with that of money. The purse is mentioned in Old Testament history as a part of a traveler's outfit. When the disciples, spoken of in the Gospels, were sent forth to preach, they were commanded to take neither gold nor silver nor brass in their purses. Some form of buckle was in use in the

Roman army before the Christian era. These buckles were provided with tongues which passed through holes in the belt. In the reign of Charles II. of England buckles instead of shoestrings became fashionable and were made of great size, some covering the whole instep.

Forks are commonly supposed to have been introduced into Europe not earlier than the twelfth or thirteenth century. It is estimated by some writers that the three-pronged book mentioned as among the utensils of the Tabernacle was a kind of fork. Forks were unknown in England until the beginning of the seven teenth century.

The earliest spoons were made of horn. Specimens of ivory and bone have been found in the abodes of the cave-dwellers and lake-dwellers all over Europe. Spoons of gold and silver are mentioned as having been used at Nero's table. In Saxon times every guest brought his own knife and spoon, the host providing a towel or cloth for wiping each at the close of the

Pins, of ivory and bone, were known among the Chinese and natives of India, ruins of Babylon. The pins mentioned in the book of Exodus were not used to secure apparel, but were tent pins, to which were fastened the ropes of the Tabernacle. Pins of bronze have been found in Pompeil, Egypt and Assyria. Brass pins were introduced into England in 1540. The first practical machinery for the manufacture of pins was put is operation in England in 1824.

ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Eggs will cook much more evenly if the frying pan is covered. If you find your icing is apt to run, sprinkle the cake lightly with flour. Salt fish are most quickly and best freshened by soaking in sour milk.

In forests swine and moles, by turning up the ground, loosen it, virtually give it clothes press will keep steel ornaments from tarnishing. A little borax in baby's bath will pre vent the skin from chaffing, and he is less

liable to have a rash. Use clear, black coffee, diluted with water and containing a little ammonia. This will cleanse and restore black

If your hall is narrow place a mirror opposite the parlor door. This helps out by reflection the very narrow space usually given to this part of the house. A scorch mark, if not too heavy, may be

removed by moistening with water and laying in the sun. Repeat the moistening two or three times and the mark will d appear.

In escaping from a fire creep or crawl along the floor of the room, with your face as near the floor as possible. As smoke ascends there is always a fres current of air in which you can breath with greater ease near the floor.

SO SAYS THE WISE MOTHER.

That very few are just to children That it is usually easier to be genero

than just. That children need judicious praise, b not extravagant flattery.

That many children become discouraged That nothing causes a child to cease his

efforts to please sooner than to find that everything he does is taken as a matter of

That each child's disposition as well as his constitution should be studied, conscientiously and carefully. That a child has a right to some con-sideration of his tastes in the matter of dress and food, as well as his amuse

the little ones; too often our whims are the only excuses we can offer for trampling on their rights; and that they are so observing that they read our motives much more clearly than we are aware.

TO THINK ABOUT.

We often pray for faith to remove mountains, when what we need is light to see that they should remain right where

Most of us would help the Lord more i we would smile more. Looking a difficulty square in will often kill it dead.

No prayer meeting was ever killed by the prayers being too short. The world has learned more poor than it has from its kings.

you will return believing that most peo-ple are good natured. Wear a frown and you will find plenty of quarrelsome people. Beware of the sin whose only defense

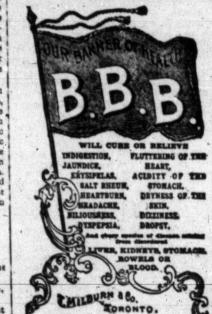
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