## HOME READING.

Musical and Drimatic Notes. was at Edwin Rooth is at Saratogo and distance

Aimee has begun a six weeks engagement in San Francisco.

The Lingards are playing "Pinafore" and

"Engaged" in Australia. Aristides Cacha, a Greek actor, acted Hamlet

in London recently. It is reported that Miss Marie Wain wright will soon be married to Mr. Louis L

James. Preparations are making at Wallack's for the production of G. F. Rowe's play " Welfert's Roost."

J. C. Williamson and his wife, (Maggie Moore) are soon to go to Austra... with a version of "Pinafore."

Jarret and Palmer are negotiating with the directors of the Paris Chatelet for the production of "Uncle Tom."

Craven Robertson, brother of the well-known dramatist, T. W. Robertson, died recently at Birmingham, Eng.

ard theatre next autumn. He is a man of noble presence and five ability. Edward Compton, son of the famous English

comedian, will support Miss Neilson during her approaching season. "The old order changeth, giving place to

new." The name of the Bowery theatre is now but a remembrance of the past, and the -old building will enter upon a new career as the Thalia Theatre. During the performance of "Around the World" in a theatre in Orenburg, Russia, re-

panic ensued, in which three spectators and an actor were killed. For the first time in many years there is only one theatre open in New York. This is the Lyceum. When the problem of a really cool theatre has been solved the

drama may flourish in New York at mid-"Le Petit Jacques" is the title of Belot's new play to be produced in the Princess's Theatre, London. It is founded on the old idea of a father assuming responsibility for a crime to save his guilty son from punish-

Among the guests at the breakfast given to members of the Comedie Francaise by the surface and attached to its metal centre (which Lord Mayor of London were Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, Henry Neville, Hermann Vezin, Miss Neilson, Tom Taylor John Hollingshead, Henry James, James Thorne, Charles Warner, Charles Wyndham Arthur Cecil and Lionel Tennyson, son of the poet laureate.

#### Lightning Rods.

It is supposed that a lightning-rod protects a building by taking to itself and carrying into the ground the flash that otherwise would work destruction. This, however, rarely happens, for a thunderbolt usually contains far too much electricity for the conducting capacity of the ordinary rod, and very few houses that are actually struck, even though well-furnished with rods, escape uninjured. The lightning-rod acts, not by conducting the flash, but by preventing it. If a sharp point be presented to a body charged with electricity, it produces what is called a silent discharge, and quietly draws all the electricity away. How this occurs, and why a point should exercise such a peculiar effect, is not well understood, but it is to this principle that the lightning-rod owes its efficiency. The highly electrified thunder-cloud passing through the air, seeks to relieve itself, and the electricity finds the most convenient paths through the tallest trees and highest buildings. house be armed sharp points, the sudden and destructive effects are usually prevented, and the electricity discharges silently, doing no damage. The injurious practice of insulating the rod where it touches the sides and roof of the structure is rapidly disappearing, as indeed it should. The small glass insulators form no barrier against a thunderbolt, and often do considerable injury in preventing the rapid and easy escape of the silent dis-charge. Lightning-rods should therefore be kept well pointed, and a good earth connection carefully maintained; for a blunt rod, or one that is imperfectly grounded is a dangerous thing, and exposes the building to considerable rick.

## The Duke of Norfolk.

By some extraordinary arrangement centuries ago, the fabric of Arundel astle, the Duke of Norfolk's famous ancestral seat in Surrey, was to be maintained out of the rents atising from the ground on which stand Norfolk and Arundel streets, in London. Toward the close of the last ceptury the duke, whose family has long been impatient of this obligation, allowed the moneys arising from this source to accumulate, and endeavored to break the arrangement compelling this particular use, but in vain. A sum of \$1,000,-000 was consequently expended upon the castle, and an immense addition made to it, of which the ground floor was entirely of stone; the next fitted entirely, floors and all, with mahogany, and the floor above that again with oak. Probably the aforesaid arrangement has now been set aside. There are still one or two families in England who are compelled, in compliance with bequests, to spend a certain annual sum on the purchase of plate, and ingenuity is exhausted in divising means of compliance. The hinges of the doors in one of such mansions are of silver.

## A Curiosity of Numbers.

The multiplication of 987654321 by 42 gives 444444445. Reversing the order of the digits and multiplying: 123456789 by 45 we get a result equally curious, 555555555. If we take 123456789 as the multiplicand, and interchanging the figures of 45, take 54 as the multiplier, we obtain another remarkable product, 6666666600. Returning to the multiplicand first used, 987654321, and taking 54 as the multiplier again, we get 53333333334-all these except the first and last figures, which read together 54, the multiplier. I sking the same multiplicand and using 27, the half of 54, as the multiplier, we get a product of 266666667—all sizes except the first and last figures, which read together 27, the multiplier. Next interchanging the figures in the number 27, and using 72 as a multiplier, with 987654321 as the multiplicand, we obtain a product of 71111111112-all ones except the first and last figures, which read together gives 72, the multiplier, and a second that the good seems to be a second a conduction of the conduction as well as a conduction of the c

to sport of 2 to Cocos Rooms, and rest has The earl of Shaftsbury has been addressing The earl of Shaftsbury has been addressing the "work ingreen" in London. He approved that two women, who were richly dresse most heartly the establishment of cocoad who are accustomed to move in the rooms. In the course of his life, he has more offen found greater pleasure and more sociatility at a large tea-party than at a wine-party. It was all very well to talk about putting down public houses, while the workingmen liked a little society, a little chat in

the course of the evening with a number of his friends and fellow workmen. He could not help remarking that such premises should in every way be placed on the same footing with regard to convenience and comfort as the public-houses, with one exception solelyalcoholic drinks. The same freedom, the same comfort and attention, reading and smoking accommodation, should be supplied by the cocoa-room as that given by the public-

## An Alarm Compass.

[From the London Times.] A very ingenious application of electricity to the purposes of navigation has recently been effected by Mr. Henry A. Severn, of Herne hill, who has succeeded in producing a mariner's compass which enables the captain or officer in charge to hear, by the ringing of a bell, when the vessel is out of the ordered course. In the construction of this compass Mr. Severn has availed himself of the constant position of the ship for the purpose of making and breaking metallic contact, which to announce the fact that the vessel is off her course. The whole of the apparatus is con-Daniel E. Bandmann will act in the Standtained in a small box, which is easily carried about, and is intended, as a rule, to be placed in the captain's cabin. Over the card are two index-hands, which can be adjusted to any angle allowing of greater or less deviation in steering to either the port or starboard side. assuming the captain, on quitting the deck, to have given instructions to steer the ship on a certain course, he sets the index-hands to a certain angle, allowing the steersman a given latitude for deviation either to port or starboard of that course. Instead of having to be constantly watching the compass, as at cently some of the scenery caught fire, and a present, to see that his orders are carried out, the captain leaves the instrument to tell him by its silence if they are, and by its sounds if they are not obeyed. Should the ship be steered off her course beyond the limit allowed on either side, an electric alarm bell rings instantaneously, and moreover continues ringuntil the right course is resumed. The index-hands can be raised away from the card, when the bell becomes disconnected and the compass can be used like an ordinary one. The means whereby this useful result is attained may be thus briefly stated. The metal point on which the card is hung is insulated from the compass bowl and to it is attached a wire from one pole of a small battery. About an inch above the card, placed parallel to its is insulated from the needle) is an arm of metal reaching nearly to the edge of the card. This arm, is, therefore, in metallic communication with the wire from the battery already referred to. The glass lid of the compass has a short brass rod working within a tube passing through it These are severally attached to two brass milled heads above the glass lid; and to the two moveable index-hands beneath the glass. These are in metallic contact with the brass work of the compass, and this with the other pole of the battery. Beneath theouter extremities of the index-hands are suspended two pieces of platinum, wire about three quarters of an inch long. These hands can, by means of the two milled heads, be moved round to any position over any point of the card. Hence they admit of being placed on either side and equally distant or otherwise from the end of the metal zem on the card: It will thus be seen that whenever the platinum wires come into contact with the metal arm on the card the circuit is complated. The electric bell being placed in the circuit sounds whenever such contact takes place. The bell is disconnected by simply raising the milled bead up half a ninch through a sliding tube, and the compass then becomes in all respects an ordinary one. Two bells of different tone can be used, and thus the instrument will indicate to the captain whether the deviation in steering is to port or starboard. The arrangement is simple and compact, and the invention promises to subserve a very useful purpose in na vigation. By its use the captain will be saved nauch anxiety, and the knowledge that there is a check upon them will serve to render officers : more vigilant and steersmen more careful. Headlands and rocks may thus be grarded again it with much

#### THE FRON TRADIE. Further Collapse Anticipated.

London, July 17 .- Commercial and finan-

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cial circles were considerably as itated to-day by the revival of rumors respecting further collapse in the iron trade. The condition of trade has long been known as extremely precarious. It has had to contend at once with falling markets and decreased clemand, complicated with demands from workmen for advanced wages. Several of the most important iron masters in Kingston, it is believed, have for a long time kept their works going simply because it would be ruin for them to

stop, and that it was better for them, to keep on at comparatively small loss than to have everything swallowed up by disclosure which would follow a stoppage. Hveryone has known for a long time that trade was rather dull; the only hope was that something might occur to bring about increased demand and higher prices. No such thing has happened, and affairs have only grown more gloomy. To-morrow, the 18th, an unusually large amount of bills and acceptances of firms in the iron trade falls due, and the city has been agitated by rumors that these would in many instances be dishonored. Similar rumors are affoat concerning a very important Manchester house. Some of the

## The National Policy and the Flour

croakers" go so far as to say that to-morrow

will be a repetition of the celebrated Black

Friday which followed the suspension of

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Trade. The Peterboro' Review shows that the national policy has benefitted both the grower and grinder of wheat, and that Ontario millers are now selling and shipping direct to the maritime provinces, and that as a consequence they are not only getting better prices than they could by shipping to Montreal, but are doing a more satisfactory business. These benefits can be reaped by the Ontario farmer, and miller without a proportionate increase in the cost of the flour to the lower province consumer; for by dealing direct with the lower provinces, charges to the extent of about twenty cents a barriat Montreal alone can be saved, besides reductions in freight by through shipments.—Mail.

Intemperance among the women of Springfield, Mass., has excited the alarm of a local temperance society. The Republican says that two women, who were richly dressed, and who are accustomed to move in the city's best society went shopping while so ob-viously drunk as to attract the attention of all who saw them. These are not the only women of good social position who have been seen in public, within a few months, the

mai : 1. Intemperate Women,

## AGRICULTURAL.

Farm Matters: Ashes moistened with kerosene oil is recommended for Keeping striped bugs from cucumber, melon and squash vines."

A hand sieve such as plasterers use for screening sand is recommended for sowing hand and the seed rubbed through with the

To make lemon beer, put in a keg one gallon of water, one sliced lemon, one tablespoonful ginger, one pint syrup, one-half gated this question, concludes: "1st. Paris

use. If you bottle, corks must be tied down. A farmer's wife in New York uses her summer kitchen for a winter greenhouse. A coal fire in the house kitchen supplies all the heat neccesary for the plants when the door between the two apartments is allowed to remain open.

Corn should not be neglected in the hurry of harvest. Frequent cultivation hastens causes an electric bell to be sounded, and thus growth and the maturing of the crop. To see the difference, leave a row or two uncultivated. Much hand work later in the season may be avoided by a little work with the cultivator, and by keeping the weeds down.

The utmost cleanliness should be preserved about the premises in the hot weather. All wastes and garbage should be disposed of on a compost heap; a load of good soil and sods from fence rows will be useful, as the basis for it. Weeds should be gathered and added to the heap. Liberal additions of plaster will prevent disagreeable edors.

There are many farmers who have extra good butter cows and do not know it. They have poor pastures in summer and poor shelter and indifferent feed in winter. In the house they have no conveniences for making batter; the milk is set where there are not arrangements for keeping it cool in armmer, and in the hving-room exposed to the odors of the kitchen in winter; neither the quantity nor the quality are any index of what a cow can do.

#### Weeding in the Gorden.

With the hot sun of June, says the American Gardener, the flowers grow rapidity, but the same sun is bringing up a growth of weeds, which later, unless promptly astended to, will smother the delicate annua's while the garden will soon lose its neat and and attractive appearance. The weeds should be pulled up, and for this there is nothing so effective as the thumband finger. This weeding, though often back-breaking and tiresome, and withal dirty work, is absolutely necessary, and really is very good exercise: Delicate tingers may be protected by a pair of gloves. The best time for weeding is early in the morning of a great deal to check adverse influences in summer day, say from five to seven, on a clear bright morning. It is not well to weed at night or a rainy or on cloudy day; for then there is no hot sun to kill the weeds. Pall them in the morning, let them lay during the day, and gather them up at night. It is poor gardening to cut off a weed just below the level of the ground with a scuille or weeding hoe, for the root remains alive, gains strength and often sends up many shoots, to trouble us again. In large gardens a boe must be used, for hand weeding is too laborious; but where there is time, use thumb and finger in destroying weeds.

## Time te Cut Wheat.

The proper time to cut wheat, says the Indiana Farmer, is a practical question which has long been discussed among farmers, but has never been fully settled, if we may judge from their harvest fields. The common practice is to suffer the crop to stand till the grain is hard. This is a mistake, and a more important one than many persons suppose. When the wheat grain is first formed it is a little sac filled with water bolding in solution the sugar increases, but directly a 28 hours. During the time the indians feasted on 12 dogs, large quantities of buffelo meat, portion of sugar. As granules of which, fluating in the water, gives and delicacies, while the participtants in the it the appearance of milk. At this time gluten makes its appearance. This is the nutrient or flesh forming element of the wheat—that which makes the flour stick together when made into dough. As the grain ripens the starch and gluten increase and the sugar and water diminish till the milk entirely disappears and the kernel is filled with a soft dough like substance. From the point this gluten diminishes, and the silicious matter which forms the bran increases till the grain is entirely hardened.

To retain all the nutritious properties of the grain with but little waste in bran requires wheat to be cut early. A good rule-when the milk has entirely disappeared from the grain, and while yet the kernel can be crushed between the thumband finger, is the proper time to cut wheat. A word on another point, before we dismiss this subject : This is a very uncertain climate, especially about harvest time, and a great risk is incurred in suffering grain to stand in shock, waiting for the thrasher to come around. There is scarcely a year that the waste from standing in the field two or three weeks after it is dry enough to stack will not pay the expense of securing it. Leaving it in the field is a risk which no prudent merchant or mechanic would insur in his business.

## Clover Seed.

As the first crop of clover will not perfect its seed, it is taken off either by feeding or by mowing for hay and the seed secured from the after crop.

While the quality of the seed depends much upon the weather, the seed crop is largely increased by mowing or feeding off the first or hay, crop-as early as possible. Early mowing. removes the first heads and the second growth. of the clover is so rapid as to smother them and prevent their seeding, and the clover is thus saved comparatively clean. It is generally considered that uplands yield more seed than bottom land, but they require to be enniched by liberal applications of manure As the ground is dry after cutting the hay crop plaster may be sown on all the space reserved

for seed with good effect. The second crop is not cut until the seeds have passed the milky state and the husks are quite brown. It should then be mowed and permitted to lie on the ground until it is well cured. After it is cured rake it off into small cocks. When thoroughly dried the crop may be taken to the threshing-floor and the reeds beaten out with sticks, light flails or a threshing-machine. The threshing is often done in the field. A method in use is separating the heads from the haulm by passing through an ordinary wheat-separato. A clover-huller attachment is abjusted to the separator below the viorator, which hulls the seed, and they are separated from the chaff by the fan, care being taken to shut off as much as possible by closing the sliding doors. Not a few farmers prefer to sow in the chaff, believing that a better stand of clover is secured usually about thirty bushels in the chaff is considered equal to one

Boes Paris Green Polson the Potators? This is an important, question, and though we have, in former years, given our reasons for asserting that there is no danger from

this source, the repetition of the question makes its necessary to briefly go. over the same ground again, to meet the doubts of new readers. It is true that some of this compound of arsenic will get into the soil, but the quantity will be less than 1.900 of a grain for each square foot of the surface of the soil. It is a well established fact that nothing enters the plant except in solution in the water blue glass seed. The sieve is held in one of the soil. It has been shown that the Paris hand and the seed rubbed through with the green soon combines with the oxide of iron of the soil and forms an insoluble compound. Professor R.C. Kedzie, of the Michigan agricultural college, who has thorough!y investipint yeast. In 24 hours it will be ready for green that has been four months in the soil no longer remains as such, but has passed into some less soluble state, and is unaffected by the ordinary solvents of the soil. 2nd When applied in small quantities, such as alone are necessary in destroying injurious insects, it does not affect the health of the plant. 3rd. The power of the soil to hold arsenious acid and arsenites in insoluble form will prevent water from becoming poisoned unless the green is used in excess of any requirements as an insecticide." If potatoes to which Paris green had been applied were poisonous, we should have abundant evidence of it, since millions of bushels have been eaten during the past few years. The only source of danger is in careless handling and use of the green, and it should be kept and used with the full knowledge of its highly poisonous qualities, and no familiarity with it should lead to carelessness in handling or using it. Keep the poison carefully locked up, and the pails or whatever vessels are used in mixing and anplying it where they cannot be got at to be used for any other purpose .- American Agraculturist.

#### Foreign Notes.

"A few evenings ago," says Vanity Fair, Lord Sydney, Lord Salisbury, Lord Defferin and Lord Hartington were assembled together when they were asked by a lady which of them had told the greatest number of lies in their life. Lord Sydney at once replied that he had never told any, upon which Lord Salisbary remarked reflectively that it was his and Dufferin's trade to tel lies. The lady then said, 'Count Schouvaloff declares that he never told a lie in his life.' Upon this Lord Hartington observed, colemnly. 'Ah!' he has never yet grasped the meaning of the word.''

A Dublin correspondent mays that if the present weather continues the prospects of the Irish barvest will be most promising everywhere. The accounts from all parts of the provinces are hopeful and with respect to every description of crop. This improved state of namers' anticipations has done a another direction, and meetings to complain of their lot are not now so common among the agriculturists. The rapidity of the growth everywhere visible during the past fortnight has and no parallel for many years in Freland.

#### Mincel: aneous.

Francis Murphy is said to have lost in San Francisco by mining speculation more than he made by his temperance revival work in that city.

Della White invited her friends in Greensburg, Ind., to what she called a surprise party, and surprised them by getting married in their

Twenty-three persons belonging to the Skoptsi (self-mutilation) sect, including several women, have been arrested in Russia, when on the point of starting for Roumania, where they proposed to settle.

Dr. Woodbridge describes a sun dance recently given by the Sioux in Montana. There were about 5,060 Indians present, the dance, which took place in an arera 150 feet in diameter, enclosed by willow branches, lasting dance subjected themselves to berrible torture such as having buffalo heads caspended from slits cut in the flesh, the weight of which constantly increased the laceration. Some of the brazes fainted, and many had from 50 to 200 pieces cut out of the living lesh. were held to stakes, about which they were forced to dance, by cords factoned to their back. The performance was varied by prayers to the Great Spirit for the success at the chase.

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