Perils of Agriculture in Tyrol. The persistence with which humanity attaches itself to fertile land without regard to danger is illustrated elsewhere than here. The peasants on the slopes of Vesuvius push their cultivation and plant their homes in the very track of a possible lava stream, and, all the world over, facility for obtaining a livelihood blinds the cultivator to all risks. Grohman says : "In the Wild-Schonau, North Tyrol, not a few of the houses are built on such steep slopes that a heavy chain has to be laid round the houses and fastened to some firm object, a large tree or bowlder of rock, higher up. In one village off the Puster Thal, and in two others off the Oberinn Thal, many of the villagers come to church

with crampoons on their feet, the terria wall-requiring this precautionary measure. In Moos-a village not very far from the Brenner, having a population of eight hundred inhabitants-more than three hundred men and women have been killed since 1758 by falls from the incredibly steep slopes upon which the pasturages of this village are situat-So steep are they, in fact, only goats, and even they not everywhere, can be trusted to graze on them, and the hay for the larger cattle has to be

cut and gathered by the hand of man." I have myself seen, in walking among the hills, little stores of grass piled against the upper side of protecting trees, where it had been brought in armfuls when cut by the spike-shod mower. The haymakers gather their little crops here and there on the steep grass-patches, almost at the limit of vegetation, pack it in nets or in sheets and bring it on their shoulders down the steep and dangerous paths. My earlier idea of an "alp" was that of a level plateau at the top of the lower mountains. Alps which are even nearly level are very rare, especially among the higher elevations. Generally they are so steep, so broken, and so inaccessible that one wonders how cattle are got to them, and how they can be trusted to graze over them. These alps are bounded by no fences, and it must be an anxious task for those who have the herds in charge to get them safely together at milking-time. Each animal wears its bell—not the hollow-sounding dull cow-bell with which we are familiar, but musical in tone, and heard for a much greater distance. The alpine hut and the Sennerin, or dairy maid, who spends the whole summer in nearly solitary attention to her arduous duties, are not altogether what one's imagination might depict. She is not the too, have a romantic and imaginative side to their lives, and are happy and wholesome and content.

The agriculture of North Tyrol, outwhich the industrious and frugal pair poses. bring up their family in comfort and decency, accumulate portions for their daughters, and lay aside a provision for their own old age. Labor-saving hardly exists. Every thing is accomplished by unmitigated and unremitted toil. In down steep and rough hillsides and mountain -paths, where an unaccustomed tourist must puff and toil to move his own unencumbered person.-George E. Waring, Jr., in Harper's.

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

Baby and the Mirror. My baby-boy sat on the floor, His big blue eyes were full of wonder. For he had never seen before That baby in the mirror door-What kept the two, so near, asunder?

He leaned toward that golden head The mirror-border framed within, Until twin cheeks, like roses red. Lay side by side, then softly said-"I can't get out; can you-come in?"

-Blanche M. Channing.

Things Every Woman Wants to Know. Spring fabrics show a decided ten dency not only toward increasing brightness in color, but a mixture of shades as ble steep slopes on which their huts are built-somewhat like a swallow's nest on brought forward, and appears in different shades under the names of sapphire, a blue overcast with greenish tint; gendarme, a dark shade of mili-tary blue, and other blues of milder tary type called blue de Sevres and Baltic Yellow is represented in old gold, gilt, almond and ecru, and garnet. wine and dark plum are still employed. All white goods show creamy tinges, and grays run from dark to light-a pale gray called "dust of shade" being quite

Prints, jaconets and other cotton goods, notably the new momie cloth, are out in pretty floral designs which reproduce styles in pattern and coloring prev-alent many years ago. Sprigs of flowers on delicate colored backgrounds and little dots disposed of in clusters at intervals, are among leading styles, as are foulard designs. Ginghams of fine qual-ity show large plaids of quiet tone, and handsome Persian borders appear on solid prints. Stripes pervade all classes of new materials, sometimes alone and again in combination with flowers. New summer silks come in stripes ; also in small broken plaids. Finely-beaded passementeries as well as fine cord passementeries, both for bands and for trimming in pieces, are

introduced among spring trimmings. Silk fringes have by no means lost their prestige, though woolen fringes are passe; hems and rows of machinestitching taking their place in all-wool costumes. Striped or other figured goods of satin and silk or velvet and silk are employed as garniture for skirt, collar, revers, cuffs, vest, etc. The variety of buttons is undiminished, and they come in round, flat or medium shapes.

Street costumes, as well as dresse having trains, are moderately bouffant in effect, and are made with a trimmed dairy-maid of poetry, nor is her tempo-rary home filled with the more ethereal the drapery is fastened. Basques and pastoral associations. Yet these people, jackets, with and without waistcoats form the popular bodies. For outside wraps the walking jacket and sacque assumes various shapes. When made to complete a costume it is trimmed to side of the valley of the Inn, is mostly match; otherwise it may be trimmed in confined to very small operations. A tailor style or with galloon. Modififew cattle, a few sheep, a little poultry, cations of the dolman, visites, scarfs a few small fields and a mountain pas- and fichus will all be much worn. Ulture, constitute the stock in trade on sters remain popular for traveling pur-

Bonnets, generally speaking, are larger in size; some are variations of the cottage shape; others have flowing brims rising over the forehead, with sides pressed flat to the head. Roughand ready straws, braided straws and chips in black and mode colors are stalwart, active and hearty; but old age comes very early, and at forty the vigor of manhood and womanhood is passed the activity and vigor, but not the en-durance; up to really old age even slight little women carry enormous loads in the baskets at their backs up bans, with a variety of broad-brimmed to be hog hair and flesh. A large chip leading trimmings in millinery, as do striped and checkered silks,

conduct, could scarcely drag him off." Among other reminiscences was that of a Confederate who had seen Theodore "He leaped upon an unprotected height," said the officer, "and so daring was the act, and so gallant the figure, that when he reeled and fell a cry burst from our ranks."- Youths' Companion.

How Russia Treats Strikers.

A Paris correspondent of the New York Star says: As the Bussian journals are forbidden to publish intelli-gence of the cruel repression of a recent strike in St. Petersburg, the news has been communicated to us by travelers who have just arrived from the Russian capital, and who speak of what had occurred under their own observation. A strike took place at the new Russian cotton mill, in the principal manufacturing district of the capital. A large number of strikes have occurred there of late years, and the police have sometimes sided with the weavers. On this occasion the work-people struck for shorter hours of labor, thirteen and a half hours a day being not unnaturally regarded as excessive. In the morning the weavers and spinners assembled in a crowd out-

side the mill, and the district police master hearing of the disturbance, sent some mounted police to reason with them. The gendarmes, however, pro-duced no effect, and the strikers set off in a body from the new canal to lay their case before the czarewitch. Intelligence of this was at once sent to the nearest barracks, and as the crowd passed the place they were surrounded by a number of Cossacks, who drove them into a square in front of the barracks, using their sabers and whips freely among them. Many of the strikers were out about dreadfully. After the crowd was locked up in the barracks a police commission was instituted to try them, the verdict being as follows : All the men above the age of nineteen (seventy in number) are to be exiled to the province

of Archangel, after receiving sixty lashes piece ; all under that age are to be sent back to the village whence they came, and are to be kept there the remainder of their lives. All the women employed in the mill, and men who did not activey join in the demonstration, are to be lischarged and fined three roubles a head all round. In a word, the entire working staff of the new cotton mill. about eight hundred hands, is cleared away at the stroke of a pen and a fresh set of people, to work from five in the morning till eight at night, is to be en-

After the following testimony, supplied by a Western paper, as to the fasting capacity of a hog, there is no excuse for that animal ever making a hog of itself. Some forty years ago Henry and Bradbury Cilley fed a large lot of hogs at Colerain, on the Great Miami. About New Year's they removed their hogs from the field next the river in which they had been fattened, and drove them to market. On counting them out one was missing, which, after diligent but fruitless search, was given up as lost or dead. About the middle of April afterward they sent a hired man to chop a large sycamore tree, hollow some twenty eet or more in the butt end, and which had been lying down all winter, to enable

shot. His officers, astonished at his dips it thrice into the water; he cuts off a small portion of the hair, which he twists up with a little wax from the tapers, and throws it into the font; Winthrop—the young American author and an officer in the Seventh regiment, of New York city—fall at Great Bethel. the forehead, he concludes by a prayer and benediction.

A New Order.

The other day, after a strapping young man had sold a load of corn and potatoes on the market, and had taken his team to a hotel barn to "feed," it became known to the men around the barn that he was very desirous of joining some secret society in town. When questioned he admitted that such was the case, and the boys at once offered to initiate him into a new order, called "The Cavaliers of Coveo." He was told that it was twice as secret as Free Masonry, much nicer than Odd Fellowship. and the cost was only two dollars. In case he had the toothache he could draw five dollars per week from the relie fund, and he was entitled to receive ten dollars for every headache, and twentyfive dollars for a sore throat.

The young man thought he had struck big thing, and after eating a hearty dinner, he was taken into a storeroom above the barn to be initiated. The boys pured cold water down his back, put flour on his hair, swore him to kill his mother, if commanded, and rushed him around for an hour without a single complaint from his lips. When they had finished he inquired : "Now I'm one of the Cavaliers of Coveo, am I?"

"You are," they answered. "Nothing more to learn, is there ?"

"Nothing." "Nothing." "Well, then, I'm going to lick the whole crowd !" continued the candidate, and he went at it, and before he got through he had his two dollars initiation fee back, and three more to boot, and had knocked everybody down two or three times apiece. He didn't seem greatly disturbed in mind as he drove out of the barn. On the contrary, his out of the barn. On the contrary, his

hat was slanted over, he had a fresh fivecent cigar in his teeth, and he mildly said to one of the barn boys : "Say, boy, if you hear of any Cavaliers

asking for a Coveo about my size, tell 'em I'll be in on the full of the moon to take the royal skyfugle degrees."-Detroit Free Press.

Wanted Collateral.

The stampede to Leadville, Col., in and about which many valuable mines have been discovered recently, is almost as great as was the exodus to the Black Hills a few years ago. This anecdote, from the Leadville *Chronicle*, is signifi-

cant of the state of affairs there: The first part of the present week hay became very scarce in this market, and consequently went up, up, up, until it sold as high as fifteen cents a pound. The night after the raise a man drove up to one of our corrals with a span of rather lean horses which he had just

driven over the range. He called out to the corral kesper: "Say, captain, I'd like to leave my

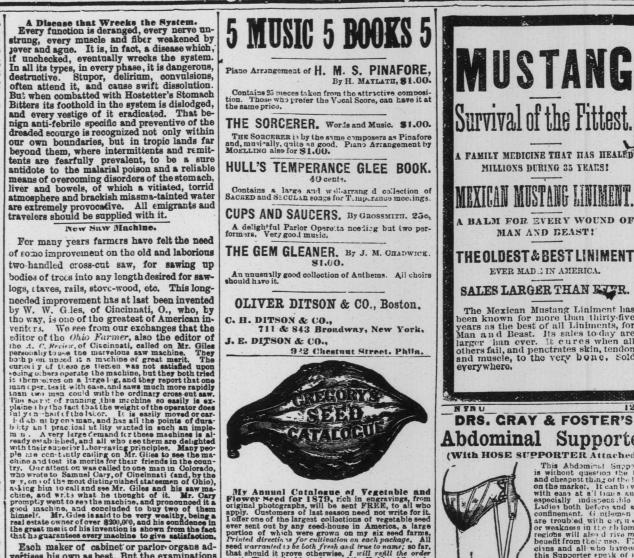
outfit here. "All right, sin; drive in Step into the office and leave your name and where you can be found."

The stranger did as requested, and while the corral man was putting up the team he passed out of the office and up the street.

The clerk called to the boss as soon as the owner of the team had cleared the stable:

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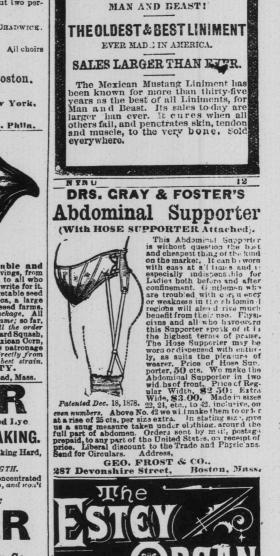
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them to get it off the ground preparatory to plowing in the spring. On chopping into the tree near the extremity of the hollow the axe struck what appeared

gaged to take their places. A Big Pig Story.

Specific Against Hydrophobia.

Dr. Grzyvala, of Krivoe Ozeroe, Podolia, Rassia, for whose trustworthiness Prof. Gubler, of Paris, vouches, declares that, after a series of crucial trials, which he describes at length, he has found that after having has d on cert has found that, after having had opportunities of treating at least 100 cases of men bitten by rabid dogs, with the Xanthium Spinosum, he has never, in any one of these cases, failed to ward off hydrophobia. He gives some start-ling examples. During the Crimean war, a family of twelve persons had been bitten by a hydrophobic wolf. Six of them entered his wards in the hospital at Olschanka, government of Podo-lia, district of Balta. They were treated with infusion of the leaves of port of the poor clergy and the widows exthanthium, and all recovered. The of clergymen. six others, who were treated by the actual cautery and the daily use of gen esta tinctoria and other drugs, died with hydrophobia in the course of twelve to sixty days. He recounts many other facts not less striking. For an adult, the dose is sixty centigrammes of the dry powder, repeated three times a Children under twelve take half day. much larger. A herd of thirty oxen had been bitten by a mad wolf, eight had succumbed with symptoms of hydrophobia. The commissary of police came to Dr. Grzyvala for his "antirabic powder." He gave three ounces of the powder, with bran, daily to each of the remaining animals; none of them suffered from the disease. These are examples of which Dr. Grzyvala says he has a hundred others,-British-American Journal.

Fish as Brain Food.

Since during the acts of sensation and intellection phosphorus is consumed in the brain and nervous system, there arises a necessity to restore the portions so consumed, or as the popular expres-sion is, to use brain food. Now, as every one knows, it is the property of phosphorus to shine in the dark; and as fish in a certain stage of putrefactive decay often emit light, or become phosphorescent, it has been thought that this is due to the abundance of phosphorus their flesh contains, and hence they are eminently suitable for the nourishment of the nervous system, and are an invaluable brain food. Under that idea many persons resort to a diet of fish. and persuade themselves that they derive advantage from it in an increased vividness of thought, a signal improve-ment in the reasoning powers. But the flesh of fish contains no excess of phosphorus, nor does its shining depend on that element. Decaying willow wood shines even more brilliantly than decaying fish ; it may sometimes be discerned afar off at night. That shining in the two cases is due to the same cause-the oxidation of carbon, not of phosphorus, in organic substances containing, perhaps, not a perceptible trace of the latter element. Yet surely no one found himself rising to a poetical fervor by tasting decaying willow wood, though it ought, on these principles, to be a better brain food than a much larger quantity of fish. -Dr. J. W. Draper, in Harper's Magazine

A soft hand, sir, smooths away wrath.

News and Notes for Women. A'New Albany (Ind.) woman has been

fined \$5 for eavesdropping. a few days, was got to the barnyard, A New Orleans woman, whose husand afterward resuscitated, fattened band was killed by a pet bear, has sued again the following winter, and driven to market and sold. The Messrs. Cilley's its owner for \$55,600 damages.

It is said that the wife of President theory of the case was that during the sudden change in the weather, a few days before removing their hogs from the field, several of them had crowded pose a poem and play the piano like an angel. into the hollow tree for shelter, and the

Classes are about to be formed in St. first one to enter had been so closely Petersburg for the instruction of women crowded in that he was unable to get in medicine; and when their studies back. are completed, they will be attached to the medical staff of the Russian army. Snails as Food.

We take the following from a curious paper entitled "In a Snailery," con-The late Mrs. Clarissa C. Cook, of Davenport, Ia., has left nearly \$100. 000 to a home for the friendless in that tributed to Scribner by Ernest Ingercity, and \$50,000 to a fund for the supsoll :

War Anecdotes.

A few volunteer officers, Confederate and Federal, now retired to private life, were lately giving personal recollections of the war. It is a pity, by the way, that so few of these details are preserved day. Children under twelve take half that quantity. The dose for animals is much larger. A hord of thirty over history.

"The terrible struggle had its humorous side," said Captain A----. "There were the mistakes of the newly-fledged officers, the majors, captains and lieutenants, who but a few weeks before were grocers or lawyers. The story of the brigadier-general who, when appealed to for orders in the the thickest of the battle of Bull Run, pulled out his little book with, 'Let's see what Hardee says about it,' may not have been true, but I know a colo nel who, when called upon to drill his regiment, wrote the words of command on his shirt-cuff."

"The men themselves made jokes in battle or in prison," said an ex-Confederate. "The American love of fun is indomitable. I remember a Kentuckian, Hume, who was a prisoner with me in '61, whose pranks kept the whole of us from despair.

"We were in a village in Ohio wait ing transportation to Fort Delaware. They put us in the pens of the county fair-ground, and a company from Mich igan, principally made up of farm boys, guarded us. Some of them used to stare in at 'the Rebs,' evidently uncertain whether we were quite human. One day our Kentuckian beckoned to the most anxious of his guards, a green country lad. glassmen at Newcastle once a year have

"'Couldn't you get me a nice fat baby?' he whispered, confidentially. 'I haven't had a broil since I left home.' fore the feast. "'To eat? A baby !'

"' Come, don't stare so; be neighborly. Get me a good fat one.' " 'Are you—are the Rebs cannibals ?'

"'Oh, perhaps the majority of the Russians the father and mother of an men prefer baby, but I shouldn't object | infant not only cannot stand as sponsors

to a plump young man myself,' with a ferocious stare at him. to it, but they are not allowed to be present at its baptism. The godfather

"The lad looked at him with staring eyes, and soon after left guard. The next day Hume, who had forgotten his stupid joke, called to a little girl of five have stood as sponsors to the same child going by, and was talking to her are not allowed to marry each other. through the bars, when a bullet whizzed In christening, the priest takes the

child, which is quite naked, and, holdpast his head. "Down with the man-eaters I' shout- it by the head, so that his thumb and ed the Michigander, who had fired the finger stop the orifices of the ears, he

Curious Russian Customs.

"Say, that man is going to Ten Mi in the morning, to be gone a week." "The deuce! Call him back." was then chopped and split out on each side and a live hog was taken out, which The clerk hallooed him back, when proved to be the one missed two and a half months before. When taken out tho corral man said. "Going to leave this team here the hog was so emaciated he could not waek ?" stand, but after being carefully cared for

"Yes, sir; about a week, I reckon." "Well, my friend, you will have to leave me some security for the care and feed of this team."

"Heavens, man," replied the strang "ain't the team security enough? er. "No, sir; hay is worth \$150 a ton; and if you should leave that team in my care for a week, and anything should happen to prevent your coming back for the horses and wagon wouldn't bring enough to cover the livery bill. I'd rather you'd take 'em somewhere

else.'

Genuine Hospitality. The true hospitality of the home is never loudly demonstrative. It never

overwhelms you with its greeting Snails, being great eaters, meet their just reward in being eaten. The paluthough you have not a doubt of its sin cerity. You are not disturbed by the dine forms are sought after by all sorts creaking of the domestic machinery, of water birds, particularly ducks and rails; while the thrushes and other birds suddenly impelled at unwonted spee for your accommodation. Quietly it does its work, that it may put you in crush the shells of the land snails and extract their juicy bodies. The woodpeaceable possession of its results. He land birds, however, will not eat the naked-bodied slugs; the slime sticks to is not the true host, she is not the best hostess, who is ever going to and fro their beaks and soils their feathers ; but with hurried action and flurried man the ducks seem to have no such dainty ner and unnatural zeal, which implies prejudices. Some mammals, like the accoons and wood-rats, also eat them ; insects suck their juices, and the carnivorous slugs prey upon one another. Lastly, man, the greatest enemy of the brute creation, employs several species of snails for culinary purposes. By the word, "at home," Romans they were esteemed a great delicacy, and portions of plantations were set apart for the cultivation of the

A Whale in a Soup-Plate.

The members of the New York Acadelarge, edible Helix pomatia, where they were fattened by the thousand upon bran sodden in wine. From Italy this taste spread throughout the Old World, "Animal Mechanics." A reference was made to a microscopic fish which the and colonies are yet found in Great Britain where the Roman encampments lecturer once discovered swimming cacy in Italy and France, the favorite method of preparation being to boil in milk, with plenteous seasoning. Frank Buckland says that several of the lever were. They are still regarded as a deli- about in a drop of water. Its method Buckland says that several of the larger cern, the little fish was very like an in-English, species are excellent food for hungry people, and recommends them either boiled in milk, or, in winter, raw, after soaking for an hour in salt and water. Some of the French restaurants voyage in an hour. In one hour it in" London have them placed regularly upon their bills of fare. Thousands are might have reached the further coast of collected annually and sent to London a soup-plate. as food for cage-birds. Dr. Elward

"The Sioux are not contagious," said Gray stated, a few years ago, that immense quantities were shipped alive to an old frontiersman. "What do you the United States "as delicacies ;" but mean ?" asked a bystander. "I mean that they are hard to catch," was the I am inclined to think this an exaggerareply. tion. The same author records that the

The difference between Turner's a snail feast, collecting the animals in the fields and hedges on the Sunday befamous picture and cutting your chin is, one is a slave ship and the other a shave slip.

What is the difference between a flery It is a curious thing that among the individual and a slice of bacon? One is a rash man, and the other is a rasher.



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