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Satisfaction guaranteed. Particular attention paid to
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PETER BENDER.
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Part of which has just arrived, and more coming.
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Terms to suit buyers.
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THE SYMPTOMS.

WITH HINTS ON TREATMENT;

First notice if he sits alone,
And meditates or writes a lot,
Or talks in an abstracted tone,
Or walks about at night a lot.
Observe if he delights to wade,
Through multitudes of "spooney" verse,
And if he hints a certain maid
Is peerless in the universe.

And also note if he awaits
The postman's coming eagerly,
And if he often vows the fates
Are smiling on him meagerly.
Observe if he appears to pine,
As though affairs were grieving him,
And if he's disinclined to dine,
And appetite seems leaving him.

If ever and anon he groans,
With sobs and sighs mysterious,
And mutters in abstracted tones,
Be sure his state is serious.
And if he raves of some "sweet dove,"
And gazes on a carte at times,
You'll know he's suffering from love,
Which much affects the heart at times.

Your treatment must at first be mild—
Don't rashly mar his "moonliness,"
A man's as helpless as a child
When suffering from "spooniness,"
Love patients ne'er like being chaffed,
Although they show inanity;
Just give him wedlock, that's the draught
To bring him back to sanity.

FARM AND GARDEN.

Wilson, Crescent and Charles Downing were lately voted by the Wisconsin Horticultural Society the best three strawberries for general culture.

Mr. Vick is quoted as saying that the "white worm" or any other worm, in pots may be destroyed by sticking three or four common matches down into the soil, also one or two up into the drain-opening. The phosphorus on the match is certain death to animal life, and a powerful fertilizer for plants.

A HEAD OF CABBAGE.—Many of our readers are now turning their horses on the young grass, causing the animals to "slobber" to a greater or less extent. This is annoying especially in the driving horse, but the remedy is very simple and easy at hand, consisting of a head of cabbage fed to the horse just before using him for work or driving. It is cheap and effective.—*Ex.*

CURRY THE COWS.—An occasional currying (daily if possible) will add materially to the appearance of the cows, and is very beneficial in a sanitary point of view. It not the rule to do so, we well know, judging from the appearence of nine-tenths of the herds we see, yet those who do make a proper application of currycomb and brush in this direction find it pays to do so.

One of the most important operations in midsummer is that of thinning fruit. a tree carrying too heavy a crop to ripen properly should receive early attention and at least every imperfect specimen should be removed. The quantity to remain should be governed by the vitality of the tree. Frequently a weak delicate treewill produce heavily whilst oneadjoining in perfect health will have but little fruit.

Mr. J. H. Sanders, of Breeder's Gazette, once owned an important Percheron-Norman stallion that when brought to this country had well shaped but very rotton brittle hoofs. He could not go unshod for a mile without serious inconvenience. By careful trimming and watching, however, he came finally to possess feet like iron; and, although he has repeatedly made trips of twelve to fifty miles, to fairs, etc., and has been driven much on the road, he has not carried a shore in six years.

An Exchange says: Obstinate and vicious horses, by having their attention removed from the object on which their mind is bent can be made much more tractable than they otherwise would be. Some are very difficult to shoe, showing a disposition to bite and kick whenever the shoes touched them. A few grains of the ethereal oil of parsley, dropped on a handkerchief and placed before the nose of the horse, it is said never fails to quiet his irritable disposition and make him for the time being perfectly manageable.

LOOK TO THE GRAFTS.—Now is the time to go over the grafts set last spring, and first of all apply additional wax wherever the original application has fallen off by the opening of the slit caused by the rapid growth of the graft, and close every portion of it again securely. Next clip off all grafts that have grown too freely in a straight stem, in order that they may branch out and add more strength to the main graft and form a more perfect growth. When left unpruned the birds sometimes light upon them and break them off close up to the stump into which they are set, and destroy them. This has happened in several instances with our own newly-set scions.—[Ex.

FACTS ABOUT MILK.—Cream cannot rise through a great depth of milk. If milk is therefore desired to retain cream for a time, it should be put into a deep narrow dish; and if it be desired to free it most completely of cream, it should be poured into a broad, flat dish, not much exceeding one inch in depth. The evolution of cream is facilitated by a rise, and retarded by a depression of temperature. In wet and cold weather the milk is less rich than in dry and warm; and on that account more cheese is obtained in cold than in warm, though not in thundery weather. The season has its effects. The milk in the spring is supposed to be the best for calves, in summer it is best suited for cheese, and in autumn the butter keeping better than that of summer. Cows less frequently milked than others give rich milk, and, consequently, much butter. The morning's milk is richer than the evening's. The last drawn milk of each milking, at all times and seasons, is richer than the first drawn, which is the poorest. —[Irish Farmer.

An Experiment With the Pear Blight.

A. C. reports to the Elmira Farmer's Club his successful restoring to health of a pear tree that was badly affected with the blight. The tree had been a good bearer, but he saw that the top boughs were dead down at least four feet, and every limb on the tree seemed more or less affected. The land was rich with farm-yard manure, but he concluded that it was wanting in mineral food, and ascertaining the mineral supply to the pear tree, he applied the remedy. He says:

"I called my man and dug away the soil for six or eight feet around the tree and down until the top roots were uncovered, and then took 100 pounds of Gersalts (containing 15 pounds of pure potash) mixed it with four or five times its weight of earth, and spread it over the roots. I next took seventy-five pounds superphosphate, and mixed it with earth and spread it on the top of the mixture with potash salts. Then I took fifty pounds of lime mixed with earth and spread on top of the potash and phosphate (these contain all the above minerals.) We then drew from the well twenty or thirty pails of water and gave the whole a thorough wetting, and in one week's time I could see that the tree was reviving, and blight apparently never extended an inch beyond what it was at the time of the experiment. The tree bore a small crop of good pears in the centre of the top that summer, but at the extremeties of the limbs they fell off. The next year it bore a large and fine crop of pears. None fell off and no insects seemed to touch them. The third year was the same, the crop large, fine and smooth, and this, the fourth year, the crop promises to be as good as the two previous years. Now this proves to my mind, (so far as one experiment can prove anything,) that what we call 'pear blight,' is simply starvation; that the mineral supplies in the soil has become exhausted and the tree was dying for want of food. I fed it, and it got well, and returned me many times four-fold. And it proved a little more, for what had been a semi-annual bearer became an annual bearer, and I doubt much if most fruit trees, if properly fed, would not produce yearly crops of good fruit."

CROPS AND LIVESTOCK IN ONTARIO.

Bureau of Industries Report for August.

The Report of the Bureau of Industries for August contains statistics of the live stock of the Province as returned by school section districts on the 31st of May, and tabulated by counties and county groups. It also reviews the condition of the crops on the 1st of the month, the progress of haying and harvesting operations at that date, farm labour and the rate of wages, and the state of pastures and live stock in relation to meat supply and dairy produce.

The month of July was very favourable for haymaking, the weather being steady and the temperature moderate, and the bulk of the crop has been saved in excellent order. Clover recovered to some extent from the serious damage done to it by winter exposure and spring frosts, but in the most favoured localities the yield does not exceed one ton per acre, and the general average is much less. Timothy and mixed grasses were very heavy, and the uniform report from all sections is that no better crop has been gathered in twenty years.

Throughout the western half of the Province fall wheat has been remarkably heavy, but it has not escaped the dangers incident to a late season of ripening. Owing to a rank growth of straw and occasional rain storms, the crop lodged badly in many localities just as the grain was beginning to harden, and about the same time, unfortunately, it was struck with rust. As a consequence the sample is not generally as good as was looked for; it is lacking in plumpness and color. The worst effects from those causes are reported from the loamy lands of the south-western counties—from Essex and the basins of the Thames and Sydenham rivers. In some sections the whole crop has been reaped and saved in good condition, but the bulk of it was either standing in shock when work was interrupted last week by a rain storm of several days' duration. Late reports say that in many fields the grain has sprouted, but the full extent of the damage will not be known for some time. The storm was local, and confined chiefly to the western counties. In the Georgian Bay counties a large acreage has been saved in good order, and the sample is prime. In Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence and Ottawa counties the crop was badly winter-killed, and what remains will yield less than an average. In the East Midland counties a good crop will be harvested, but not equal to last year's. In the Lake Erie Counties, where some grain has been threshed, it is found to yield from 20 to 30 bushels per acre, and correspondents in all towns west of Toronto estimate the yield at not less than 20 bushels per acre. Spring wheat in the eastern half of the Province, where it is extensively grown, gives promise of an abundant harvest, but in some districts it is being attacked by the midge, the Hessian fly and rust. It will be ready for reaping generally about the 20th of this month.

Barley is everywhere a heavy crop and a large acreage has been grown, especially in the Lake Ontario and East Midland Counties. The grain is uniformly plump and of good colour, with a few exceptions where it ripened too rapidly owing to the drought, or where it lodged and rusted. In the western counties the yield is good, but the harvesting season has been unfavourable.

There is a large area under oats, and with the one exception of the Georgian Bay counties, the crop is reported good all over. The estimates of correspondents range from 35 to 60 bushels per acre. Peas are a good crop in all the northern counties, but elsewhere they have been injured by the bug.

The corn crop is everywhere pronounced a failure. The season has been too wet and cold for it, and though it made good growth during the past three weeks there is little chance of its now attaining to half an average crop. Beans are chiefly grown in the counties of Kent, Norfolk, Brant and Renfrew. They are generally reported good, but in some localities the crop is reported worthless.

Potatoes were injured by too much rain early in the season, and later on by the drought. The beetle, too, is about as troublesome as ever. Turnips, mangolds and carrots have only partially come up and a good crop is rare; turnips especially are late, and are badly injured by the fly.

The fruit crop is poor in all the fruit-growing districts. Apples are good only in the Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence counties, and there will not be more than half a crop. Peaches and plums are almost a total failure, pears and grapes are fairly good, and small fruit alone is abundant.

Pastures were good throughout June and the first half of July, but recently they have become parched and dry in many parts of the Province. This has been especially the case in the Lake Ontario counties, where in some districts cattle had to be given extra fodder. For this purpose soiling came in good where it could be availed of. Fat cattle are scarce, particularly in the finer classes suitable for export, and there is a disposition to force young cattle prematurely into the market. The dairying interest is less flourishing now than it was earlier in the season, and the milk supply is falling off. The recent rains, however, will doubtless make the pastures good again.

Farm labourers have been scarce, and the demand for them was increased by the general heaviness of the harvest. Wages ran from $1.50 to $2.50 per day, and from $25 to $40 per month with board, and even at these high figures it was difficult to procure men.

STATISTICS OF LIVE STOCK.

The statistics of live stock are as complete as they could be obtained. No estimates have been made of thoroughbreds for sections for which returns were not received, owing to the difficulty of finding an average. It is certain that the full number has not been reported, but it is almost equally certain that some animals entered into the schedules of farmers as thoroughbreds will never obtain registration in a Herd Book. Following are the returns for the Province and for the County of Perth:

HORSES,

	The Province.	The County.
Working Horses	339,481	11,037
Breeding mares	72,055	2,481
Unbroken horses	100,505	3,405

CATTLE.

Thoroughbred	23,297	559
Working oxen	14,245	223
Milch cows	680,652	23,625
Store cattle, over 2 years	272,861	10,966
Other cattle	617,001	28,779
Total milch cows, all breeds	687,037	23,820
" cattle, all classes and breeds	1,608,056	64,179

SHEEP.

Coarse wooled, 1 yr. & over	941,744	34,827
" " under 1 year	686,610	29,224
Fine wooled, 1 yr. and over	183,022	6,175
" " under 1 year	131,404	4,198

PIGS.

One year and over	257,466	8,029
Under one year	609,589	17,635

POULTRY.

Number of turkeys	317,784	9,563
" geese	538,922	22,434
" other fowls	4,521,869	153,432

The Weather Report, which is furnished by the Meteorological Office, is a register of important facts for the farmer. The addition of eight sunshine recorders to the two heretofore in use will add materially to the value of future reports.

A FRAUDULENT AGENT.

He Robs a Wealthy Widow of $100,000.—Montreal's Latest Sensation.—The End of Years of Implicit and Blind Confidence.

From the Mail's Correspondent.

MONTREAL, Aug. 10.—What will prove to be the greatest scandal that has ever been brought to light in Montreal, involving the honour and integrity of one of its oldest and highest citizens, has come to the knowledge of your correspondent this evening from an unquestionable source. When the facts become public here they will cause a profound shock to the feelings of the people. The amount which a formerly honoured citizen has embezzled from a venerable widow of over four-score years, and her nephews and nieces, of whom there are five, has been ascertained already to be one hundred thousand dollars, but how much more it may be has yet to be determined.

THE HISTORY OF THE CASE

is as follows:—Two brothers named Philips came from the State of New York early in the present century, and settled in this city. They commenced business in wholesale groceries and amassed a calossal fortune. They retired from business and invested their money in some of the finest real estate in the western part of the city, as well as in bank and other stocks. They were both married, but one had no children. Many years ago the elder died, and the property was given into sole control of Charles, the younger, who was childless; it being understood that his deceased brother's children would succeed finally at the death of Charles and his wife to the property. Up to the time of Charles death, six years ago, everything was well managed, and the estate increased immensely in value. The income at his death was estimated at seventy-five thousand dollars, and the sole control and management of the estate, in addition to the private estate inherited from a former husband of Mrs. Charles Philips, was entrusted to Mr. J. S. Hunter, an old and intimate friend of the family, who was almost regarded by them as a relation; in fact the latter has often told his friends that his family expected to inherit some of the property. This Mr. Hunter held a high social position in the city, and was equally prominent as the first notary here. He had

A LARGE AND EXPENSIVE FAMILY

to keep up; his establishment was on an extensive scale, there never being less than five fine horses in his stable, and carriages of the latest pattern. It has been often a wonder to shrewd people where the means to keep up such style came from. The secret has now leaked out, and it will cause a pang of grief among the best society circles in the city. On such a footing of intimacy did he stand with the widow of the late Mr. Charles Philips, and such was the confidence felt in his integrity by her, that since he entered upon his stewardship he has

NEVER FURNISHED AN ACCOUNT.

Some time since friends of the aged widow began to suspect that the funds of the estate were not being legitimately applied, and advised her to appoint an auditor to examine the books and make out a statement. This was accomplished, and the startling news announced to the esteemed lady that the funds of the estate had been misappropriated to the amount of over one hundred thousand dollars. But this was not a complete audit, and what may still be brought to light may double the sum that is known to be deficient. The defaulting agent was summoned into the presence of the feeble old lady in her mansion at Summerville, and told by her in trembling accents, amidst emotion she could not conceal, of the fearful discovery. The delinquent seemed paralyzed at first, but in the end said he admitted it, and accounted for his infamous rascality and breach of trust by saying that he got embarrassed through speculation, and had misapplied the funds.

OTHER CASES OF MISAPPROPRIATION.

From developments which have become patent to those engaged in the enquiry going on there is little doubt that the misapplication of funds is not confined to the great Philips estate, but includes other estates which Hunter managed. In one case that is known there is a deficit of $14,000, and the parties are about to sue for the amount. It is believed that not a dollar will be recovered from the fraudulent agent to reimburse those he has defrauded. To show the moral obliquity of the man who has been playing this deceitful game of speculation with the substance of others, it may be stated that Hunter has held the position of trustee of St. Andrew's the leading Presbyterian church of the city, and has been always looked up to as

A PILLAR OF THE CHURCH.

He was also a member of the Temporalities Board of the Church, and was one of the plaintiffs in the great Temporalties suit before the British House of Lords. His family held social intercourse with Sir Hugh Allan and all the nabobs of the city. It has been discovered by the lawyers for the estate that Hunter has no real property, his mamsion on a fashionable avenue having been

TRANSFERRED TO HIS WIFE.

His noble stud of horses and all his fine carriages were lately disposed of by auction. It is a sad, sad tale of a once highly respected family, whose bright prospects have been wrecked by abominable pride and extravagance.

THE HUNTER FAMILY,

who will attain unenviable notoriety in connection with the disreputable doings of its responsible head, is a very old one in this city. The father and mother of J. S. were well-known and esteemed citizens, who brought up as well as started a large progeny with fair prospects on the road to fame and fortune. The children of the man who has fallen into disgrace were the school companions of the young heirs of the Philips estate, and a warm personal friendship leading to the greatest confidence between the elders has always existed. It is said by those who ought to know that Mr. Hunter always exercised powerful influence with the widow, and generally had matters his own way. The business of a notary was at one time, when there were few in the profession here, very profitable, but in late years the number of members has vastly increased. It has been the oft repeated expression of many people that his professional income could by no means support the regal style assumed by the family. In addition to his own children there are a number of other relatives enjoying the hospitality of the house, and I was informed to-night that the family circle alone aggregates sixteen persons exclusive of the staff of servants. There are several grown up sons, one of whom has been lately admitted a notary. The eldest daughter has not entered Society, being only in her fifteenth year. The Rev. Gavin Lang, the late pastor of St. Andrews, stated to a friend that Mr. Hunter assured him that he would come in for a slice of the great estate. It seems he has had a pretty good proportion. The accused was in the city to-day up to five o'clock as usual, when he took his departure for his country residence at La prairie. A good deal of the property of the Phillips' estate is situated on Dorchester street, and includes magnificent terraces of houses and the celebrated St. James Club.

MRS. CHARLES PHILIPS

was the widow of a Mr. Allen, formerly a very wealthy merchant here, when she entered into the second nuptial engagement. She feels the effects of the deception of her former friend most acutely, not only on her own account but on that of her nephews and nieces. It is thought she will succumb at her great age to the shock that her whole system has sustained. She resides in a palatial residence situated on a prominent site overlooking the city on the Cotes des Neiges road. The prospect from the front is charming beyond expression; the interior is distinguished by all the elegance and luxuriousness of rich furnishings and brica-brac that a plethoric purse only could purchase. The respected lady is by no means active, but has so far enjoyed good health. Her friends, however, are extremely anxious lest she may break down at any moment. What course will be taken against Hunter will be decided by the legal adviser of the family, who has the matter in hand. It is doubtful, however, if he can be prosecuted, as he had powers as attorney, and *carte blanche* to do almost as he pleased without any control. The excitement that will follow the exposure of the affair here will be thrilling. People will ask, who can they trust after such an exposure of duplicity.

EXTRAORDINARY SEIZURE.

Attachment of the G. W. R. Property at Detroit—Security in a Suit for $634,000—A Car Loan Company the Plaintiffs.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 10.—The property of the Great Western Railway Company in this city, including all the rolling stock and the large railroad ferry Michigan, was seized to-day on writs of attachment, as security in a suit begun in behalf of the Erie and Chicago Car Loan Company. Damages are laid at $634,000. Of course the business of the company was brought to a standstill, and freight and passengers, destined for Detroit and points on the American side, were stopped at Windsor across the river. The ferry boat Transport, which was lying on the Canadian side, was not seized, but its officers dare not send it over for fear it would be, and so there is no communication between the Canadian and American sides so far as this company is concerned.

THE PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM.

The plaintiffs in the case claim that about ten years ago they made a contract with the Great Western railway, the latter agreeing to pay one and one-half cents per mile for each car used; also to purchase the cars under certain conditions. They say the railway have utterly failed to carry out their agreement, only paying three-quarters of a cent per mile, and not in any way living up to the contract. Mr. John S. Newberry, of the firm of Newberry & McMillan, appears as counsel in the case. In his statement of the case he says:—"We know that our claims are just, that our patience is exhausted, that our legal position is sound, and we are determined not to loosen our grip until these people unbend from their haughty attitude, and do us justice." The attachment in this case was technically issued at the suit of John W. Dyar, of Romeo, Michigan, and Edward Martin, of Hamilton, Ont. The affidavit, however, is subscribed by John S. Newberry.

THE FERRY RESUMED.

This evening the ferry boat Transfer began to carry passenger trains across the river, and they were not disturbed. When the officers and plaintiff's attorneys began to look over the property which had been seized they found it was so valuable that it was not necessary to make further levies.

Bro. Gardiner on Slang.

"If Brudder Pizarro Grant am in de hall to-night he will please step for'd," began the old man as Samuel Shin struck the triangle and sent its quivering notes dancing along the ceiling.

Brother Pizarro was present, and he stopped, his eyes having a squint of alarm and his knees losing their sand with every motion.

'Brudder Grant,' continued the President, 'you am a young man on de doah-step of life: you w'ar wery tight pants an' a werry short coat, an' a wery narrow hat, and you look decidedly *wretch-er-chee*. De great world am befo' you. If you begin right no man dares bet two to one dat you won't sit in a Gobernor's cha'r befo' you am 50. If you begin wrong it will be safe to bet 1,000 to nuffin' dat you will bring up in State Prison befo' you am ten y'ars older.'

'Yes, sah, Ize tryin' to start right,' said Pizarro as Brother Gardner stopped to swallow a pint of water.

'I hope so—I hope so, but I doubt it, Brudder Grant. Ize had my eye on you fur some leetle time back. I doan' fink you would lie or steal or burgler or forge, but you has fallen into one werry bad habit. De odder day you met a friend in front of my cabin, an' when he axed it you war gwine on de excursion you replied dat you