

the "Proceedings" of the American Academy, 7, p. 328. But I find since that there is a still earlier and characteristic name, and a good description and figure of the species, *i. e.*, *A. truncata*, of Fischer and Meyer, in "Index Sem. Petrop." suppl. 1843, which is copied into the 18th volume of the "Linnaea," also in "Walpers' Repert." 5, p. 6 (1845), and finally, the second fasciculus of the huge "Sertum Petropolitanum," which purports to be issued in 1846, contains a good figure. The species is perfectly recognisable by its reflexed spreading sepals and truncate petals, these reduced to a spur, with hardly a vestige of lamina.—*A. Gray, Cambridge, Mass., U. S.*

HISTORY OF THE WHITE WEED.

"Here (Salem), if tradition be correct, he (Capt. J. Endicott) introduced for medicinal purposes, as well as by way of ornament to his garden (about 1632), the white weed or *Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum*, which has since become so detrimental to hay-fields."—*History of Danvers, p. 47.*

FLYING STRAWS.

The Royal Agricultural Society of England has got into trouble through the exertions of its chemist in protecting farmers from the ravages of chemical manure merchants.—The *Gardeners' Monthly* publishes a coloured but rather stiff drawing of a hemlock hedge of great beauty. Why is the hemlock not used more extensively as a hedge plant with us? No hedge is more beautiful. An elegant variegated variety of the tulip-tree, with yellow edged leaves, has been obtained in France.—The ice crop is very poor this season.—The Yarmouth Agricultural Society has no more Norway oats for sale.—Although the fields have been bare during a large portion of the winter, the grass roots have not suffered. Timothy and Clover are green under the snow.—Royal Horticultural Society of London has resolved to "disestablish," that is abolish the old garden at Chiswick, which has for so many years been the scene of its scientific labours. It appears that, notwithstanding all the money spent in creating a perfect earthly paradise, and erecting buildings of a most permanent character on another man's land, the Society now opens its eyes to the fact that the lease is nearly run out, and England has no "Tenant Right!"—Dr. Thudicum has manufactured six varieties of wine from tea leaves and sugar, and treated the London Society of Arts, at a recent meeting, to "samples." The peculiarity of the tea wines is that they are not liable to a second fermentation, and thus champagne may now be sent to

China and Japan.—The Halifax Society for Encouragement of Arts and Manufactures is taking active steps to spread information and stir up the energies of capitalists throughout the province.—Branch Societies have been formed at Truro and elsewhere.—A case of cheese poisoning is reported, the poisonous character of the cheese depending not upon any metallic poison, but upon the "decaying" condition of the cheese; putrefaction is the right word.—A chemist of Grenoble has patented a process for purifying spirits, by agitating with olive oil or other fatty substances, which absorb the volatile oils and carry them to the surface.—Prof Simmonds has issued the first number of the *Journal of Applied Science*, London, monthly, about a dollar per annum.—The Bunch grass of Alaska is the latest Agricultural novelty; it grows twice the height of a man, and the crop is so thick and tall that it seems likely to smother the men and horses that mow it.—"Lie Teas" are now largely exported from China, to be used in Europe in mixing with genuine teas.—Mr. Northup has introduced a bill to incorporate the Cotton Manufacturing Company of Halifax.—Several Agricultural Societies have indicated their intention of going into hemp culture. Wherever a sufficient quantity is grown the Board will encourage the erection of machinery. Hair still increases in price, and the *Pall Mall Gazette* advocates beard culture for profit.—The Trinidad Society of Arts recently held an exhibition, which brought the people together from all parts of the Island.—Hardy clematises are now used for bedding purposes in English gardens, and have a remarkably fine effect.—In France frogs are giving way to beef and mutton, roast horse, and dead donkey, but large numbers of the Batrachian are still used; one dealer sold 200,000 in three weeks. The legs only are eaten, and are very like chicken; the heads are used for hospital soup, and the skins for turtle soup.—The Virginian Creeper, or "Ivy," as it is often called here, is now used as an edging to flower borders, trained along a wire raised three inches from the ground; the effect is said to be very pretty.—A consignment of Kangaroo sausages is expected in England.—Both the wheat and meat markets are dull in England and prices tending downwards.—The "Saddle and the Sirloin" is the title of Mr. Dixon's new book on thorough bred stock.—Mr. Bishler, of San Francisco, who owns 200 mares, has on the way from England a number of short horns and two fine, entire dray horses.—All the homestead buildings on the Prince Consort's Norfolk farm are wooden and thatched; they date from the reign of George III., who was for many years tenant of the farm, and the land has nearly always been in the occupation

of the Crown. It consists of 700 acres, 200 of which are arable.—The total number of live horses in Great Britain in 1859 was two millions; in Ireland there were 500,000. The number of cattle, sheep, and pigs, were fewer in 1869 than in 1868.—The Retreat Bridge, lower end of Old Windsor Road, is ticketed as "not safe."

KING'S COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

It is gratifying to report that the Society has fifty-five members, including Honorary Members, and its affairs are in a flourishing condition.

The two bulls belonging to the Society were sold at the annual meeting.

The Society owns two boar pigs and one Canadian ram, and several farm implements.

The crops for the year 1868 were an average, except the fruit, which was a light crop here.

At the annual meeting in December the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.:—*President*, Stephen Gould; *Vice Pres.*, John Simpson; *2nd Vice Pres.*, Joseph B. Bowser; *Sec'y and Treas.*, George Hamilton; *Asst.*, Thomas Tuzo; *Committee*, Wm. Stewart, Charles Reed, George Falkner, James H. Dile, William Falkner.

GEORGE HAMILTON,
Secretary and Treasurer of the King's County Agricultural Society.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

O. M. T., Middleton, Ann.—The Eastern Annapolis Agricultural Society contributed \$30 to the Provincial Exhibition of 1868. The amount was retained from the Society's grant for that year.

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