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**The Planet.**  
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**WHERE THE SCOTCH LEAD.**  
A newspaper paragraph very complimentary to the Scotchman is going the rounds to the following effect:  
A Scotsman earns more than an Englishman or Irishman. The Scotsman makes £45 a year, the Englishman £38, and the Irishman £29. To relieve the poor, keep roads, bridges, harbors, etc., in order, to pay police, keep school going and do other things of that sort, Scotland spends money most liberally. Each Scotsman pays £3, each Englishman £2 18s, and each Irishman £1 4s. Scotsmen catch most fish per man. Scottish fishermen bring to port a quantity of fish worth for every man, woman or child in their country, 7s 6d; English fishermen catch 3s 4d worth, and Irish fishermen 2s 4d worth. Scotsmen appear to have most money put away for a rainy day. In the savings bank each Scotsman has £5 4s, each Englishman has £5, and each Irishman £2. Industrial and co-operative societies play an important part in the trade of Great Britain. They sell £3 worth of goods to every Scotsman, £1 10s worth of goods to every Englishman, and 2s worth to every Irishman. Scotland leads the list in births. To each thousand Scottish people nearly 32 children are born, to each thousand English people nearly 30, and to each thousand Irish people nearly 24. Scotland is the healthiest country of the three. In each thousand in Scotland 17 die annually, in England 17-12 die, and in Ireland 18 go to the other world.

A man who has passed his 80th year, predicts that 1900 will have no summer, says an exchange. He says the weather has acted just like it did in 1816, when a heavy snow fell in July and water froze every month of the twelve. According to this man the year 1833 was a year of intense cold and fierce storms. The people in many parts wore their winter clothing the entire year. This same old man tells also of the year 1837, pumpkin vines were in bloom at Christmas time and trees green as late as February.

Card-players are of two classes, those who can't shuffle and those who can shuffle too well, and the latter are reputed to have a percentage of advantage when playing against the former. A recent invention is designed to put these two classes upon an equality. It is a mechanical arrangement for shuffling the cards, and the device does its work so completely that the position of every card with relation to its fellows, is changed. The deck of cards is placed in the circular box by the dealer, and given two or three turns, which distributes them over the floor of the box by the passage of a detent which moves over the cards; a reversal of this operation returns the cards to a pile ready for dealing. This is the patent of Frederick C. Higgins, of Boston.

Are we to understand that the N. P. produced stagnation under a Tory Government and that it produces prosperity under a Liberal Government?—The Globe.

Isn't it about time the Globe ceased its kindergarten arguments? When times were very bad abroad, when banks and mercantile establishments were failing daily by the score in the States, how did Canada with its N. P. stand the strain? When times were universally hard the National Policy reduced the bad effect on this country to a minimum. Now that times are universally good the same old National Policy is giving this country the maximum benefit of the world's prosperity. The Laurier Government certainly deserves some credit in the matter, not for the good times, but for having enough sense, after all its threats, not to destroy the N. P., which gives us the full benefit of the general revival.

**THE HEIGHTS OF CELEBRITIES.**

London Echo.  
Here are the heights of some famous men:—Burke, 5 feet 10 inches; Burns, 5 feet 10; Sir R. Barton, over 6 feet; Sir Walter Raleigh, 6 feet; Peter the Great, 6 feet 8-12; Thackeray, 6 feet 4; Lincoln, 6 feet 1; George Washington, 6 feet 3; Lord Beaconsfield, 5 feet 9; Byron, 5 feet 8-12; Voltaire, 5 feet 7; Wellington, 5 feet 7; Balzac, 5 feet 4; Beethoven, 5 feet 4; Keats, 5 feet; Napoleon, 5 feet 1-3-4; Nelson, 5 feet 4; De Quincey, 5 feet 3.

**RECRIMINATION IS NOT JUSTICE.**

Toronto Sun, Patron.  
The crimes that have been exposed of late have been committed, according to the statements of Mr. Dryden and Mr. McNish, on behalf of the Liberal party.  
Will the reputation of these crimes be prevented, or their perpetrators brought to justice by echoing the cry that one party is as bad as the other? [This is a crime, not for idle recrimination, but for forcible action. It is a time not to dwell upon the

frauds of the past, but to punish the crimes of the present.

A series of bold and dangerous crimes have been committed. Why are the criminals not brought to justice?

Why do the Attorney-General and his colleagues not act as vigorously as the Governments at Ottawa and Winnipeg acted in 1896?  
Are the most dangerous of crimes to go unpunished, when committed on behalf of the Government?  
Even Tammany would not venture to take such a position!

**WELL KNOWN WOMEN.**

Some London papers refer to the wife of Lord Curzon as the "Letter to Ash."

Mrs. James A. Garfield, widow of the president, spent the greater part of the winter in southern California.

Mrs. Mary Anderson, now Mrs. Navarro, has grown a trifle thinner since she reigned the queen of the stage in this country, but she appears in the best of health. Her husband appears short beside her.

Mrs. Sarah Story of Philadelphia is chief companion, which is the supreme head of a woman's national organization known as the Companions of the Forest, which has 60,000 members and 500 divisions.

Lady Cook & Co. have gone into the stockbroking business in London, the motto of the firm being, "Never sell what you haven't got; buy at the lowest figure; be satisfied with quick returns and small profits."

Mrs. Schuyler Hamilton, Jr., who died recently in New York from an overdose of morphine, taken to relieve a fit of great nervous depression and intense physical pain, was a daughter of General Mercer of Maryland.

Adeline Patti is not the only person in artistic life with the title of Baroness. Mrs. Hartmann, a famous Swedish actress, is in private life a baroness of the same name. Her husband and Patti's are cousins.

Mrs. McKinley is a great dog fancier and owns the largest St. Bernard in the world. Its name is Washington. A special servant is appointed to take care of the pet of the presidential wife, and the dogs are groomed every morning.

Mrs. Barbara Moon of Rolvenden, England, has the distinction of being the only lady that was present at the battle of Waterloo. She was born in Gibraltar in 1811, and her father, a sergeant, took her and her mother to Belgium with him, and they were on the field during the fighting.

Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, whose name is well remembered, has returned to Boston to live after an absence of 15 years. Mrs. Leavitt was elected honorary life president of the world's W. C. T. U. at its first convention in Boston, November, 1891.

Mrs. Daniel Manning will go to the Paris exposition in 1900 as the president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This society has appropriated \$4,000 for her expenses. She will also take a prominent part in the dedicatory exercises of the Lafayette monument, to be held on United States day, July 4, 1900.

Mrs. Annie Beant is said to have returned England altogether and to have adopted eastern customs of living as well as thinking. She is reported as sitting cross-legged on a carpet, living and eating like any Bengali in Calcutta and dressing in a modification of the native costume. She is starting a school and college at Benares for Hindoo boys.

**ORCHARD AND GARDEN.**

Keeping the orchard trimmed adds much to the beauty of the farm. Give the first spraying on the apple tree as soon as the leaves are out well. Well rotted manure from the woodpile makes one of the best top dressings for radishes.

For strawberries select land that has been in cultivation two or three years. Plow deep and harrow well.

Old tin cans with the tops and bottoms taken off are good to set over plants as a protection against cutworms.

On every warm, sunny day the hot-bed sashes should be opened so as to admit plenty of pure air to the plants.

When set out, if the trees are leaned considerably to the southwest, they will be straight by the time they come into bearing.

Plants that have been growing in pots during the winter may be set in the open ground as soon as the danger of frost is fully past.—Exchange.

**TRUST THRUSTS.**

No. 1015 Wile and the hat trust have no connection with each other.—St. Louis Star.

Antimonopolists are frantically calling upon Attorney General Griggs to sit down on the newly formed chair trust.—New York Press.

"Arm" is the newest designation of the branch of a trust. Trusts have many arms. So have devilfishes.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Now comes the vinegar trust to sour the spirit of the times. The concern expects to place its competitors in pickle.—New York Mail and Express.

The defenders of the trusts may argue till they are exhausted, and the fact remains that it is not safe to place in the hands of a few men the power to lower wages and increase the price of necessary articles when it is to their personal gain to do it. Human nature is too frail to be tempted as the managers of a trust must be.

**A Thousand Tongues.**

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the universe." So will everyone who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at A. L. McCall & Co.'s Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

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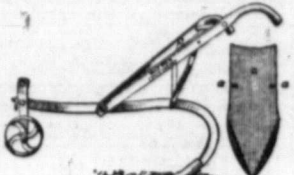
**FARM AND GARDEN**

**A HOMEMADE SUBSOILER.**

An Implement to Follow the Breaking Plow in Clay Subsoil.

A Rural New Yorker correspondent sends to this journal a plan for making an excellent little single horse subsoiler that works to perfection and need not cost more than \$2.50. He worked the implement out thus in his home shop:

I first made a model, this being cut from thin wood, and, as good fortune favored me, I secured just the right shape the first trial. The beam and standard, are formed of one bar of wrought iron 6 feet long and five-eighths by 2 1/2 inches in size, which is strong



HOMEMADE SUBSOILER PLOW.

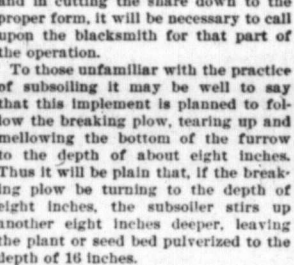
enough for a draft horse. The share, or point, is of a peculiar shape, and is made of a new, large, steel "bull tongue," cultivated "abovet" three inches wide. The "bull tongue" is cut as shown in the figure, leaving a long, piercing, wedge-like point. The three-fourth inch incisions at a, a, allow the upper half of the blade to be bent or rolled backward, forming a long, deep groove that clamps very securely around the standard of the plow, where it is firmly bolted. The long, tapering point, when the wheel is adjusted for subsoiling to the desired depth, lies perfectly flat in its course through the soil—the curvature of the upper half of the blade being quite sufficient to lift, "ground mole" fashion," the entire bottom of the furrow, while the passage of the standard, through the midst of this upheaval, breaks and pulverizes the hitherto hard, compact subsoil in a very thorough and satisfactory manner.

The handles are those of an ordinary cultivator, and the wheel, seven inches in diameter, was purchased from a scrap iron man for 15 cents. There being some quite heavy forging upon the beam in bending it to the desired shape and in cutting the share down to the proper form, it will be necessary to call upon the blacksmith for that part of the operation.

To those unfamiliar with the practice of subsoiling it may be well to say that this implement is planned to follow the breaking plow, tearing up and mellowing the bottom of the furrow to the depth of about eight inches. Thus it will be plain that, if the breaking plow be turning to the depth of eight inches, the subsoiler stirs up another eight inches deeper, leaving the plant or seed bed pulverized to the depth of 16 inches.

**A Potato of Good Yield and Quality.**

The Joseph potato has received favorable mention from some of the New England potato growers. American Cultivator illustrates it from an ex-



THE JOSEPH POTATO.

cellent photograph of the potato as raised by a Vermont farmer and says: It is well to notice the size, shape and general appearance of the potato. The color of the skin is a light pink, and the flesh is white. The tuber is invariably free from core. It never has shown an inclination to grow hilly or unsightly. It yields well, is of wonderful vigor and is of excellent quality for a table potato.

**Sugar Beet Leaves.**  
I notice that there is a good deal said in the press in regard to the value of beet leaves for food, and that they are more or less fed to stock of different kinds in sections where farmers grow beets for factories. I hardly need dwell on the value of beet leaves for food. All who have had any experience with them will readily concede their nutritive value. If free from dirt, they would be an available addition to the list of silo plants, yet I cannot help feeling that the ones who have given this subject most attention are right when they assert that those leaves are more valuable left on the ground in the fields as a fertilizer, inasmuch as they contain exactly the right elements that the soil needs, and in available form. It is all very well to assert that they can be taken back after being fed in the form of barnyard manure. The trouble is that they are not likely to go back where they are needed—and that is, where they came from. We should leave the beet leaves on the ground as a fertilizer and feed the pulp, says C. F. Saylor.



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