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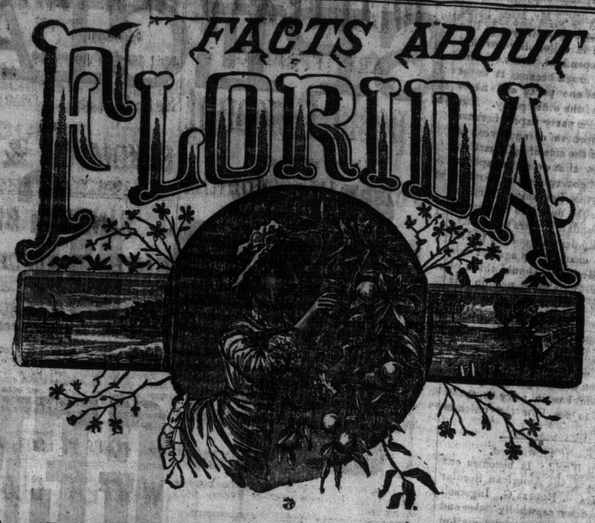

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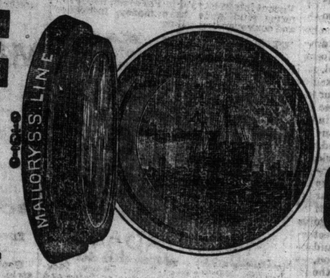


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### THE CULTURE OF BEES.

**Progress of the Industry in America in Recent Years.**

At the annual meeting of the Wentworth Farmers' Institute in Hamilton yesterday Mr. G. B. Jones of Brantford read a particularly interesting paper on bee-keeping. After a review of the old and obsolete methods of bee-culture, he said that since 1850 the methods had advanced rapidly, until now it was a thriving industry. There are over fifty establishments in America engaged in the manufacture of apiarian supplies; 20,000 persons are engaged in scientific bee-culture, while about 10,000 persons are plodding on under the old methods. The essayist thought it poor policy to let the bees manufacture their own wax foundation, for it was necessary for them to consume 25 pounds of honey more than was necessary for their own use, in order to make a pound of wax. The foundation should be supplied. The smoker, invented in 1875, is one of the most important appliances used in bee culture. By its means the whole hive is smoked, and the stupefied swarm can be taken out without any danger of stinging. So many discoveries have been made, and so many useful appliances invented, that bee-keeping has now become a practical industry. As in other branches of industry apiarists have their specialties, and specialties are so thoroughly followed up that it is now thought practicable to breed the stings out of bees and lengthen their tongues. As much as $50 is often paid for a queen bee, so close is the attention paid to breeding. Farmers produce three fourths of our honey. But they should devote even more time to bee culture. If a farmer would devote a single acre to bee keeping, it would in ten years yield him a better return than 300 acres devoted to agriculture. The keeping of bees by farmers would tend to benefit rather than injure their grain and fruit crops. It has been proved that bees increased the fertilizing properties of small fruit.

### IT WAS HER BREATH.

**Why a Philadelphia Youth Had to Postpone Popping the Question.**

*From the Philadelphia Herald.*

"Mother," said a Philadelphia youth, "I cannot understand Hattie. I'm afraid she is a coquette. Last night, while passing, I saw her in the parlor, and, dropping in, found her alone. When I asked her to marry me she gave a little shriek, and, jumping up, ran out of the room and let me go home feeling like a fool. I cannot understand such conduct."

"But I can, my son. She was around here early this morning and explained it all. You know she didn't expect you?"

"Yes."

"Well, she had onions for supper, and when you popped the question she knew you would want to kiss her if she said yes, and she was afraid you would smell the onions. She told me to tell you to come around to-night and pop again."

**Tattooed Cheeks Fashionable.**

*Washington Letter to Boston Traveler.*

The fashionable edict has gone forth that it is the proper thing to look healthy and robust. The day of the confirmed invalid, the "delicate flower," and all that sort of thing is passed, and now our belles are striving to see who can look the hardiest. The daughter of a distinguished naval officer has been one of the leaders of the "healthy craze," and is now, for that matter. Her plump, well rounded figure and swinging gait can be seen on Pennsylvania avenue nearly every afternoon, rain or shine, and she has the ruddiest pair of cheeks in Washington. She looks the perfect picture of health, but some of her sharp sisters have been tracking up the secret of how her pale complexion disappeared so suddenly. It appears, so they say, that the young lady called in the services of an old sailor who had known her ever since she was a "wee bit of a thing," and told him that she was miserable because she never could have any color in her face. She asked him to tattoo her cheeks a delicate shade of red, and although the operation was quite painful she stood it bravely, and the consequence is that she will have a red face even after death. It is said that several society belles contemplate undergoing the same course of treatment.

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**Mistakes Young Writers Make.**

*From the N. Y. Times.*

Young writers are always sending their work to the wrong places and getting promptly bounced. Young writers often become possessed of the idea that there is no chance for them, that the pages of literary periodicals are controlled by rings. That's all nonsense. The editors of American magazines and literary journals are men of broad and liberal culture, and they are keenly on the alert for new talent. Nothing pleases an editor more than to discover a new star in the literary firmament. The editor seizes upon him with avidity. If the young writer has the earmarks of a man with staying power, a fellow who has a future before him, the editors are more than eager to get hold of him. There is no such thing as manuscript being returned without being read, as so many young authors imagine. Everything is examined. Many a good thing has to be rejected because the magazine happens to be well stocked with just that line of goods. If the contributor happens to be well known to the editor, that dignitary will often take the trouble to write an explanation of his reasons for rejecting the manuscript so as not to discourage the writer from trying again. There is plenty of room in the magazines for good literary work. Really meritorious short stories—the rare aves of literature—and good poems sell as well as the proverbial hot cakes.

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**Dogs in Turkey.**

Lord Ronald Gower, in a pleasant letter from Pera, where he has been staying for some time, and which he compares to "Cleopatra on a dunghill," speaks of the extraordinary intelligence, yearning for sympathy and kindness, and unbounded gratitude when they get it, of the dogs which are the only scavengers of that dirty and delightful city. They swarm in packs about the streets and lanes. They all have districts, and woe betide any dog that ventures beyond his own frontier. He is immediately set on and torn to pieces. The Turks are very kind to them, and have at various convenient points erected little sheds as places of refuge for them. On Friday charitable Turks distribute bread and meat to them. One evening a dog came up and licked Lord Ronald's hand. He once patted him and he never forgot it. He followed him to his boundary, looked wistfully after him, wagged his tail in farewell, but would go no further.

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**Wisdom of the Woodpecker.**

*From the San Francisco Examiner.*

In California the woodpecker stores acorns away, although he never eats them. He bores several holes, differing slightly in size, at the fall of the year, invariably in a pine tree. Then he finds an acorn, which he adjusts to one of the holes prepared for its reception. But he does not eat it a acorn; for, as a rule, he is not a vegetarian. His object in storing away the acorns exhibits foresight and knowledge of results more akin to reason than to instinct. The succeeding winter the acorn remains intact, but, becoming saturated, is predisposed to decay, when it is attacked by magots which seem to delight in this special food.

It is then that the woodpecker reaps the harvest his wisdom has provided, at a time when, the ground being covered with snow, he would experience a difficulty otherwise in obtaining suitable or palatable food.

**Detected by His Hand.**

A woman was recently put on her trial in France for strangling her baby, and at the preliminary examination she confessed her crime. At the trial medical evidence was heard, and the doctor told the judge he did not believe the woman was the culprit. The finger marks were fresh on the victim's throat when he made his examination, and the marks were singular. He examined the woman's hands, and found her fingers long, slender, and well shaped, but the marks were of a short-fingered hand, stumpy and misshapen, and one of the fingers, the first, was abnormally short. On this the prisoner burst into tears, said she was fond of the child, had not destroyed it, and mentioned in her excitement the real culprit. He was a man of a better class of life, with whom she had lived as a domestic servant. His arrest followed, and the doctor pointed out that the prisoner's hands were formed as he had described, and, moreover, that the first finger was without a nail and almost deficient of a joint. The jury convicted.

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**An American Congressman.**

*From the Cook.*

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He was a congressman of note
That we had asked to dine.

We gave him next Chateau Lafitte;
He swallowed half a glass;
And then we tried the Creme de Tete—
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