

# CHANGED BY AUTHORITY.

Men who Fear Power and Use it when Allowed, with Severity

Nothing but power can prevail on the Burmese grandees to do anything. The fear of punishment alone renders them obedient to the law and the imperial edicts and gives them valor in war. But if the are abject and dastardly toward the Emperor and the Mandarins, they are in the same degree proud and overbearing to those whom they think beneath them either in rank or fortune.

There is no contempt, oppression or injustice they will not exercise toward their fellowmen when they can assure themselves of the protection of the Government. They are thus vile and abject in adversity, but arrogant and presumptuous in prosperity. There is no one among them, however poor and mean who does not aim at the dignity of Mandarin. For it is a frequent occurrence here for a man to be raised in a moment by the caprice of the monarch from the lowest state of poverty and degradation to the rank of Minister or General and it is amusing to observe the instantaneous change such an event makes in a man's demeanor. He may have been modest, affable and courteous before, but now he affects tone of superiority and gravity, and puts on an imposing and severe air, so that one would hardly recognize him the man of yesterday.

## POPULAR SCIENCE NOTES.

The completeness of the work done by the earlier astronomers is shown by the fact, recently stated that out of the 6,000 or more nebulae now known the Herschels had discovered 5,000.

It has been estimated that from a single pound of steel, costing 50 cents, watch screws worth \$11. Some of these machine made screws are so small that an uneducated eye requires the aid of a magnifying glass to see what they really are.

The principal weather stations of the signal service have been furnished with the whirling pay chrometer, instead of the wet and dry bulb now in use. In connection with this instrument thermometers having cylindrical instead of spherical bulbs will be used and new hygrometric tables for computing are being prepared.

An experiment is being tried at Portsmouth, in England, with the object of determining the practicability of applying liquid fuel as a steam generator to men of war. The fuel consists of creosote which is procurable at a penny a gallon. So far the system has proved superior to others previously tried, and it is believed that the difficulties in the way of the use of liquid fuel are in a fair way of being overcome.

There is now, or rather there will be, a change—if the authorities of the Paris observatory do not weary in their labors of what will be certainly the biggest photographic album on record. It will contain portraits of stars, and the fact that there are to be 20,000,000 of them, shows plainly that there are to be, if we may use the expression, stellar stars, and not human ones from the social, the theatrical and the political firmaments. This voluminous collection of star likenesses is to be contained in no less than 1,500 pages; so that it will evidently be an enormous tome. As, however, only one section of the above pages has yet been produced, and as this means that 599 other sections will have to be taken before the photographing of the heavens will be complete, our readers need not begin to prepare shelf room for this new publication yet.—Photographic News.

Referring to an announcement that at a recent exhumation in a Western cemetery the body of a woman was found turned to stone, the Louisville Medical News says: "Petrification of the body of a warm-blooded animal never has been known, and it is quite safe to say has never taken place. The condition of the body which leads to such a misconception is not that of petrification, but of saponification." It is explained that nitrogenous tissues give off ammonia, and this, attacking the fats in the body, produces adipocere, a hard form of soap. The writer, when at the New Orleans fair, saw a barrel of pork labelled, "Found floating in the Mississippi in an advanced state of petrification." Being skeptical as to the capacity of rock to float, he chipped off a piece and found that the hog, like the human being under like circumstances, had merely turned to adipocere.

## Series That Travel

The French government has just created a certain number of travelling juries. This is a modified form of an institution established by the first republic. In the organic law of the institute it was ordained that the Institute was to select

yearly ten citizens to travel abroad and collect information useful to science, commerce and agriculture. These scientific travellers will not be appointed by the Academy of Science, or the whole Institute, by a special administrative commission, on the basis of a competitive examination.

## Some Dairy Dots.

Our dairy men do not agree as to which is the better mode to pursue, winter or summer dairying, or both, although many of them milk constantly the year through.

I incline to the idea that all things considered the right thing to do, is to have cows fresh say in September or October, and then with proper feeding, they can be pushed for milk until July or August, which will give a rest in a time when milk is paying the least, as well as pleasant weather to recuperate the system, and when food is plenty and cheap. But whatever may be said as to the profits of cow keeping, it will be found that it takes money to make money. One of the good things that can be said of the business is that it makes a grand pile of extra good manure as well as fills up the whole year with busy care, which it seems to me, is the only way the farmer is to get along successfully.

## Mints for the Destruction of Weeds.

The complete eradication of weeds is not always an easy matter, yet within certain limits is not only possible, but practicable. For nearly all cultivated grounds the best remedy is constant and continued clear culture, and if the weeds are taken in time they may generally be readily killed. The best time to destroy weeds is before they come up, and this may be done easily with a harrow or garden rake.

In pastures, meadows and all cultivated places weeds should never allowed to blossom. We should use every means to prevent our land from becoming seeded and we should summon the law to our aid.

Make it an offence with fine and imprisonment for anyone to sell impure seed, or allow any weeds to go to seed on his property. This would tend to check the spread of weeds, and when people be come better educated and informed, and public sentiment wholly aroused, it would cease together.—Western Plowman.

## RETAIL MEAT MARKET.

Beef, roast, per lb.	\$0.12	to	\$0.16
Beef, steak, per lb.	12	to	16
Beef, corned, per lb.	6	to	8
Beef, boiling, per lb.	6	to	8
Beef, fore quarters, per lb.	6	to	8
Beef, hind quarters, per 100 lb.	9.00	to	10.00
Veal, roast.	12	to	16
Veal, chop.	15	to	18
Pork, roast.	10	to	12
Pork, steak.	10	to	12
Pork, farmers' per 100 lbs.	6.00	to	6.50
Mutton, roast, per lb.	12	to	15
Mutton, leg.	15	to	18
Mutton, chop.	10	to	12
Ham.	15	to	16
Breakfast bacon.	15	to	16
Lard.	9	to	11
Lard, per pail.	2.25	to	15
Sausage.	12	to	15
Bologna sausage.	12	to	15
Shanks.	8	to	4
Liver.	8	to	5
Kidney.	15	to	15
Head cheese.	12	to	12
Heart.	12	to	15
Tongue.	12	to	15
Chickens, per lb (dead).	18	to	18
Eggs, per dozen.	20	to	25
Butter, per lb.	15	to	20
Chickens (alive young) per pair.	30	to	35
Chickens (alive old) per pair.	40	to	50
Turkeys, each.	80	to	1.00
Ducks, per brace.	20	to	30
Prarie Chickens, per brace.	40	to	60
Prime Manitoba cheese, per pound.	15	to	15

## WHOLESALE MEAT AND CATTLE MARKET.

Milk cows.	25.00	to	40.00
Working oxen, per yoke in demand.	90.00	to	104.00
Live cattle, per lb.	3	to	4
Calves.	5.00	to	12.00
Side bacon, per lb.	9	to	10
Roll bacon.	13	to	14
Hams.	14	to	15
Pork, per barrel.	16.50	to	17.00
Beef, per barrel.	12.50	to	15
Corn, per doz.	15	to	20
Cucumbers, per doz.	40	to	40
Ducks.	20	to	25
Eggs, per doz.	25	to	25

## FISH.

Wholesale, per lb.	4	to	5
Retail, per lb.	8	to	10

Potatoes, per bush.	25	to	30
Beets, per doz.	30	to	40
Dried onions, per bushel.	2.00	to	2.50
Furnips, per bush.	40	to	50
Cabbage, each.	10	to	5
Parsley, per doz.	40	to	40
Sage, per doz.	40	to	40
Carrots, per doz.	10	to	30
Parsnips, per doz.	10	to	30
Squash, each.	10	to	20

Cranberries, per barrel.	10.00	to	10.00
California Peas, per box.	4.25	to	4.50
Grapes, per lb., Ontario.	10	to	12
Lemons, per box.	7.00	to	8.00
Oranges, per box.	8.00	to	8.50
Apples, per barrel.	8.25	to	3.75
Ripe tomatoes, per bushel.	2.25	to	2.25
Green tomatoes, per bushel for pickling.	1.00	to	1.00

## HAY AND STRAW.

Hay.	4.00	to	4.50
Straw.	2.50	to	2.50
Timothy.	8.00	to	8.00

Oats, per bushel.	22	to	25
Barley, per bushel.	35	to	40
No. 1 hard wheat.	83	to	83
No. 2 hard wheat.	78	to	78
No. 1 Northern.	70	to	70
No. 2 Northern.	68	to	68
No. 1 regular wheat.	68	to	68
No. 2 regular wheat.	65	to	65
Rejected.	45	to	50
Flour, XXXX.	1.80	to	1.80
Flour, superfine.	1.40	to	1.40

Poplar cordwood.	4.50	to	5.00
Tamarac.	5.00	to	6.00
Poplar poles, per cord.	5.00	to	4.00

## COAL.

Grate, hard, delivered.	10.00	to	10.00
Egg, hard, delivered.	10.00	to	10.00
Stove, hard, delivered.	10.00	to	10.00
Nut, hard, delivered.	10.00	to	10.00
Steam, hard, delivered.	8.00	to	8.00
Grate, soft.	8.00	to	8.00

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