THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

Wit and Humor.

The most useful pedestrian is the man who walks up and down the room all night with the haby.

Bismarck wears a slice of pork down his blemaron hiccough. Thus the great need great remedies.

The average public man cares nothing for the lies that may be told about him. It is the troth that cuts him to the quick.

A young lady who resides in Townsotown, then recently asked if she was a singer, replied that she only sang for her own "amazement."

Make up your mind just what you would do if your steamboat collides or takes fire and then practice on it from a two-storey window. The legs of a St. Louis policeman are so crooked that a revolver accidently discharged in the hip pocket may wound each leg three

times. "Sam, why are lawyers like fishes?" "I don't meddle wid the subject, Pomp. "Why, don't you see? Cause dey am so fond of debate.

"Wake me," said Thad Stevens, as an unhistorical speaker began to plunge into remote periods, "wake me when he comes within the memory of man."

Why is a lawyer who is conducting a disputed will case like a trapeze performer in a circus? Because he flies through the heir with the greatest of fees.

If the President of the Unided States felt in proportion to his place as big as a policeman in his new uniform, he'd grow roundshouldered trying to dodge the clouds.

It is claimed that a man never loses anything by politeness, but this has proved to be a mistake. As an old Philadelphian lifted his hat to a young lady the wind carried away his wig.

It is said that the inventor of the threshing machine got the idea of the thing from backing down a flight of stairs while trying to manage the wheelbarrow loaded with milkcans that fell with him.

The common house fly wears the belt for persistent perseverance. One of 'these creatures will go a thousand times to the some spot on a hald man's head, and yet there is nothing to be gained by it in any WAV.

The proprietor of a forge, not remarkable for correctness of language, but who by honest industry had realized a comfortable independence, being called upon at a social meeting for a toast, gave "Success to Forgery."

King Louis of Bavaria is an uncomfortable sort of ruler. He has an unpleasant habit of rising very late in the morning and not going to bed until the following morning, which involves sending for his secretary in the middle of the night to transact State business.

"Pray, sir," said the judge angrily to a blunt old Quaker, from whom no direct auswer could be obtained, "do you know what we sit here for ?" "Yes, verily, I do," said the Quaker, "three of you for four dollars each a day, and the fat one in the middle for four thousand a year.

A wealthy politician in Massachusetts used to carry a hod, and now his dinner service is of silver plate. When his boy, at the other end of the table, wishes to have speedy recognition he calls out "mort." and his plate comes down filled with all the old man's hothouse peaches.

" Mother, what's in the pot?" "A pig's head and turnips, dear." Little Mary being of an inquisitive turn, she got peeping into the pot, when she saw one of the turning in the pig's mouth. "Mother, mother," she cried. What's the mattor?" Oh, mother, if you don't come

good deal of cunning, and even bravery of a any time either in the pit or cellar. certain sort. Thus they will not only stalk Buckwheat.—This tender crop sh game of the smaller kinds, but even the lion

itself, keeping carefully to leeward, so that their scent shall be unperceived, and creeping to within a few yards of him, when they of beasts is sealed. In hunting the ostrich the cover of a screen made of the skin and in imit tion of one of them feeding. The Bushmen are a very revengeful little people, and think nothing of ham-stringing a whole herd of cattle in retaliation for a real or imaginary grievance, and on account of their deadly, although insignificant looking weapons, the Boers are much afraid of them and shoot them down like dogs when they get the opportunity. And yet it seems as if it ought not to be so absolutely impossible to civilize these strange creatures, who are

clearly not devoid of intelligence, their cave dwellings being constantly found adorned with spirited drawings of the animals of the Veldt, traced with some kinds of coloured clays and pigments that seem to defy the def cts of time.

AN ENCOUNTER WITH A DABOON .- The particulars appended are taken from a South a few days since in search of a stray sheep, taking his double-barrelled gun with him. While climbing a mountain he suddenly came upon five full grown male baboons, and thoughtlessly fired and disabled one of the

when only twenty yards off, and fired his re- them afterwards. maing barrel, in his hurry missing both, but scaring one of them away. But the other made for his human antagonist, and sprang upon him, gripping him by the shoulder with torn off Pringle's upper clothing, and was gnawing at his throat, which was fortunately protected by several folds of a silk handkerchief, and the animal's teeth being very long, prevented him from opening his mouth wide enough to get a good hold. A struggle ensued, but Pringle could not get rid of his assailant until he (Pringle) trippod and fell on his side, when, as he lay, he caught the baboon by the throat with his right hand and succeeded in getting him under. He then seized a stone and battered the animal's head nntil

sequences might have been very serious. Mr. Pringle, who is a strong active man, standing several inches over six feet in his stockings, tells us that he had several times had to struggle hard with strong men, but he never had a tougher job than to master that baboon. These animals are very destructive, and do great damage to lands and gardens.

Agricultural.

HINES FOR THE MONTH OF SEP-TEMBER.

Sowing Fall Grains.—The leading farm stable. work for this month in many localities is the Whil that the best barvest will follow a careless sowing of the seed. The young plants should other water-tight barrel, filling up the barrel get well rooted before winter sets in, and in after the slaking is done. A ready method

after the fly had disappeared. His land was

timothy will frequently retard the growth of

Turnips should be kept free from weeds and

secured.

heavy rains.

mealy substance thus produced. Although | pulled put them in long heaps, with the tops these diminutive savages present one of the or straw laid over them; to be afterwards forms of humanity, the South American covered with earth, to protect them for the Botocudo being, perhaps, yet a degree nearer winter, or taken to the root cellar. Care to the animal type, they are possessed of a should be taken that the roots do not heat at

Buckwheat .--- This tender crop should be cut before the first frost injures it. The grain shells hadly when the plants are dry, therefore cut it in the morning when the dew is on. The cut crop after standing a few days they will suddenly let fly one of their tiny will be dry and ready to thresh, which had poisoned arrows, and the doom of the king best be done at once. If a machine is used, remove the concave, or the cylinder teeth they contrive to get sufficiently near it, under will otherwise break the kernels. The grain should be cleaned at once and spread out as feathers of the same bird, which they advance by degrees, moving the head and neck cleverly and become almost worthless, if left in large heaps.

> Beans are injured by heavy rains; when ready pull them and stack around the poles driven in the ground ; cover the stacks with straw. In pulling, leave them in rows for a time to cure, and if rain threatens they can be gathered quickly in stacks.

Corn .- Early corn will be ready to cut this month. As soon as the grain is glazed it is ready to be harvested, and the stalks will be much more valuable than if left to be killed by frosts. The seed for next year should be selected before the cutting has begun. The tops of the selected stalks may be broken down as a mark and left standing when the others are cut and shocked.

Shocking is an important matter and should be done with care. If the stalks are not well set up and properly tied, the shocks fali in Africau paper :--Mr. John Pringle, who lives with Mr. Christian Neser in the Huntam, went all directions and the folder is damaged and burger directions and burger directions and the folder is damaged and burger directions and burger the husking made more difficult. Bands of rye straw, or even of willow, may be used with advantage.

Potatoes .-- Early ones should be dug at once; rains will otherwise start them into number, the others beating a retreat. Pringle growth and do much injury. The last brood then went up to the disabled animal in order of "bugs" should be destroyed, as it is these to put it out of its misery, when two of the that furnish the early brood next season. It others made a rush to their wounded com- is a good plan to sort the potatoes as they are rade's assistance. Pringle saw them coming gathered, thus saving much labor in handling

Sheep .--- After the roots have been removed from the field, the sheep should be turned in that they may pick up the small, imperfect roots and the scattered leaves. This will acone pair of hands, and holding to his waist custom them to the change of food that must with the other. In a jiffy the animal had soon come. If early lambs are not desired, the rams must be kept from the ewes, or otherwise be aproned or "bratted." It is an important matter that the ewes that are to bear lambs should be well fed, and begin the winter in good condition. A little grain fed to the ewes now will do much to insure strong lambs.

Cows that are giving milk should be fed liberally, and not allowed to fall off now, as they can not be brought up again when cold weather sets in. Some kind of feed, as bran or meal, should be used to belp out the failing life was extinct. Fortunately for him the pastures. Corn fodder is excellent to piece remaining three held aloof, or the con- out with at this season, and a patch of it should be found on every farm. It is important that the cows have a plenty of good, fresh water, especially as the herbage does not now afford the abundant juices of the spring growth.

Clover seed .- The second crop of clover for seed can be cut with the ordinary reaper. Some prefer to attach a short frame of strips of wood covered with cloth to the cutting bar of the mowing machine, the clover being gathered upon the cloth and raked off This makes a much lighter cutting machine. The straw and chaff are useless for hay, and need not be preserved, from the weather. They may be used for litter it the barn-yard or

Whitewash.-A good way of cleaning sowing of the fall crops. One can not expect stables, sheds, etc., is to give them a cost of hot lime-wash. Make a barrel of the wash by preparation of the soil, and an imperfect slaking a bushel of fresh lime in a pork or



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Naturalist's Portfolio.

There is a beautiful brilliant bird in Canada called the Tanagra Rubra, or scarlet tanager. Its plumage is of the richest scarlet, with wings of jet black. It sings its pensive tones of chipchurm at intervals, and when the bird is just over your head its voice sounds far off. This gift is bestowed upon him, no doubt, to protect him, and to compensate for the danger his glowing colors expose him

STARLE FRIENDS .- The following case of animal intelligence has been communicated by Professor Schutzenberger of Strasburg to the Revue d'Anthropologie. A gentleman owning a kitchen-garden remarked that a basket which held a quantity of fresh carrots got quickly emptied. He spoke to the gardener, who said that he could not understand it, but would watch for the thief. A quarter of an hour had not elapsed when a dog was seen to go to the basket, take out a carrot, and carry it to the stable. Dogs do not eat raw parrots, so further watch was necessary. The observers now found that the dog had business profit. with a horse, his night companion; with wagging tail he offered the latter the fruit to be found, even if it costs a little more than of his larceny, and the horse naturally made no difficulty about accepting it. The gardener seized a stick, and was about to avenge this act of too-complacent good-fellowship; but his master stopped him, in order to watch further. The scene was repeated until all the carrots had disappeared. The dog had long made a favorite of this horse. There were two in the stable, but the other received not a carrot.

SEAL ROCKS .- The seal rocks off San Francisco are well worth seeing. There is a weird fascination in them-something sc hideously uncanny in the swarm of sprawling things that rear themselves about among the jagged fissures, and so utterly unlike say other known voice of animate or inanimate nature is the hoarse, deep ory that goes up in-cessantly from all the million throats and predominates over the thunders of the ocean itself. Every rock, from the base to the peak, is alive with shapeless things in perpetual motion, tumbling over each other, twisting, rolling, fighting in a clumsy fashion with their uncouth flippers, or plunging with mar-vellously smooth, graceful curves into boiling foam that breaks all around their rocky fortresses. Some are tawny brown or yellow, and these have had their coats dried by the sun after a few hours' basking on the rocks ; the surface a dull slaty-black, and look like | plow, for carrying off the surface water during animated bags of wet gutta-perch. All ages and sizes are represented, from the monarch of the colony, a gray old glant who might weigh some three thousand pounds, down to the grain if sown as early as the wheat crop, and clover seed is best sown in the spring the babies who are just learning to wriggle and leap after the fashion of their mammas, after or with the last snow. and add their infant notes to the general choras. The sight is wonderfully interesting to the initiated.

the soil loose and mellow. Proper thinning is important; a single root needs from 9 to 15 The BUSEMEN .- Their speech is a series of clicks, interspersed here and there by a harsh- inches in the row to grow to its best. On

order to insure this, the soil should be deep and mellow. Wheat requires a soil well pul-a Fountain Pump, or other hand force pump. verized, but compact, with flue tilth of the surface, for a seed-bed. There may be lumps thrown upon the walls, and into every corner on the surface of the soil, but the seed should and crevice, until every part is completely not be surrounded by them, otherwise the covered.

Machinery .- Harvesting and other farm plants will be very uneven, and many grains will not start at all. If the soil is lumpy, as | machinery that is to be used no more for it is in many cases, use a roller this season should be cleaned and stored immediately after the plow, or after the away. The bright parts may be kept from harrow has been used once. This is the only rusting by applying a mixture made by meltproper use of the roller on fall sown fields. | ing together one pound of fresh lard and a To roll the ground after the gain is sown is a lump of reain the size of a hen's egg, stirring mistake; it gives to the surface a smooth and as they cool. The bearings should be well pleasing appearance, but it is much more in- | wiped, and afterwards give a thin coat of clined to crust over; besides this, the protect- castor-oil.

Sundry Matters.-Coarse herbage and weeds ing coat of snow is not held in winter as it not in seed may be cut and placed in the would be if the surface was left rough. Besides having the soil in a proper barnyard as an absorbent of liquid manure mechanical condition, through the means A number of little jobs can be done now mentioned above, it must be provided with a | that will aid greatly in making things comgood supply of plant food. The young plants fortable, and will pay a good interest upon should be well fed, that is, have planty of nourishment in such a condition as to be tend the fairs, doing it with the eyes open to readily taken up and digested. Such food is catch any new ideas that may be of use at furnished by thoroughly decomposed barn- home. There is much to be learned if the yard manure; but when it is not to be had in time at the fairs is rightly employed. Make sufficient quantities, some good artificial ferit a point to go and take the family, and, best tilizer as a superphosphate may be used with of all, try for one or more prizes, and thus have a more direct interest in three exhibi-Selecting Seed Wheat .-- Sow the best seed | tions of the products of the farm .

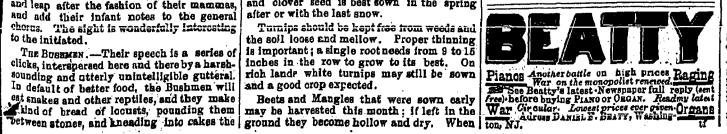
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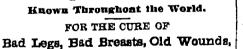
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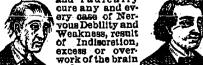
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