spangled with golden dandelions, the flow-ering shrubs of all varieties were gay with red, white, and yellow blossoms, only one day more of sunshine was needed to open the lilac buds, which hung in long purple clusters from the trees, while through all the air ran the ineffable thrill of spring. The drives were filled the air ran the ineffable thrill of spring. The drives were filled with gay turn-outs—tandems, spike teams, dog-carts, T-carts, and the more common Victorias and phaetons, while many horseback riders were also to be seen. Leaving the Park at 125th street we drove up St. Nicholas avenue (the continuation of Seventh avenue), a fine, broad, macadamized road where fast driving generally prevails, then through 152nd street to the new Boulevard. This was formerly the old Bloomingdale road, and having been straightened, widened, finely paved and ornamented with shade trees and a strip of lawn running through the centre, it reawn running through the centre, it re-

of the Tweed regime. It is quite close to the Hudson, and charming water glimpses are obtained now and then through the trees. Entering the Park again at 72nd street and Eighth avenue we drove down past the marble archway and out at the Fifth avenue exit and so home after a drive about fourteen miles.
For the benefit of those who a sted in decorating their homes with the ork of their own hands, I will give a de-

cription of a table-cover made by a little man of my acquaintance in preparat or the anticipated "going to house ng" of next autumn. It is exceed imple in style but very pretty, and the ost—from a dollar to a dollar and a half almost ludicrously small. The materials used are one yard of opera flannel, either maroon or a bright dark blue, two and a half yards of the coarsest linen crash, such as is used in the kitchen for cowels, and one-half ounce of do ephyr the same colour as the flan as large a square of the nel as the width of the goods will permit; this square forms the centre of the cover. Cut the linen into two length ise strips join them and sew them as a porder to the four sides of the flar quare joining the corners diagonally. ivide this crash bordering into lain and fringing out the last third for a This fringe must be headed with a eather stitching of the maroon zephyr—or any other fancy stitch that is preferred. lengthwise threads must then be the maroon flannel wide enough to fit reads which remain. Other pretty cover are and decorated with a border of feather the other, and with leaf shaped ornam the corners, of different colours, worked a long slip stitch. This material is very ing rather prettier than the plain. Has the famous magician, Heller, the prince

of prestidigitateurs ever visited Toronto? He has made New York his abiding place for the last few winters and now having taken he little theatre in 24th street near the Fifth Avenue hotel, fitted it up after his own heart for his own special purposes and called it Heller's Theatre, he see ettled himself permanently in our midst. His feats of magic are most marvellously well done, as a conjuror he has no living equal and his fingers are as dexterous or the piano as those of any public performer of the present day. Indeed, I have heard that he first made his debut as a pianist, and his programmes are always graced with a musical interlude, while many of his stories are accompanied by musical illustrations. Of course he is master of all the old conjuring tricks as well as of many new ones of his own invention, but the most wonderful part of the entertainment is the Mind Reading, or Second Sight. This is performed as follows:—His sister, Miss Heller, a tall, fine looking blonde, miss Heller, a tall, fine looking blonde, comes upon the stage and seats herself upon a sofa with her back to the audience. Her brother then blindfolds her, then stepping down among the people, takes some article, such as a fan, opera-glass, wrap, &c., from some one of the audience. "What is this?" he asks, holding up the article in his band. "A Japanese ta with "What is this?" he asks, holding up the article in his hand. "A Japanese fan, with gold sticks," answers his blindfolded sister, almost before the question has left his lips. "And this?" "A pearl opera-glass." Soon he approached our party. "What have I in my hand now?" he asked, taking wrap from the back of my friend's chair.
'A small shawl, with blue and yellow astonished to hear, as the yellow colour looked like white by gaslight. "What is this?" "A cane, gold-headed, with initials." "What are the initials?" "J. M.," was the correct reply. A gentleman sitting back of us handed Mr. Heller his watch and chain. "What have I now?" he enquired. "A gold watch and chain." "Well, well, what else?" There is a charm on the chain. "What kind of a charm?" "I don't know,"—hesitatingly—"it looks like something Egyptian—yes it is a Scarabei,"
With a triumphant smile Mr. Heller
handed back the watch to its owner who sank back in his seat with a murmured "well, I declare!" and a perfectly dumbfounded (as the saying is) expression upon his face. Evidently he had brought that his face. Evidently ne had blogged of puz-scarabei with the express purpose of puz-ling har. And so it continued, Miss zling her. And so it continued, Miss Heller never failing once to name and de-scribe every article, even reading off long scribe every article, even reading off long numbers engraved upon sets of keys. This of all who have attempted to solve its mystery. Some insist that she receives inrmation as to the article by the question which Heller asks—but his questions are so much alike that that theory seems almost impossible; others say it is ventrilo-quism and that Heller answers his own

until some ingenious mind arises capable of unravelling the mystery we must perforce be satisfied with the explanation vouch-safed by the inventor himself—"Some call it ventriloquism, some call it spiritualism, I call it Hellerism." KATHLEEN.

PETTITS' EYE-SALVE. An Infallible Remedy for all Diseases of the Eye (acute or chronic), Granulation of the Lids, Ulceration of the Lachryman Glands, Film, and Weakness of Vision from Any Cause.

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PETTIT & BARKER!

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Secretary Flint, of the Massachusetts
Board of Agriculture, in his treatise on
Grasses and Forage Plants, speaks as follows on the selection of grass plants:
"Now, what I wish to suggest is, to select
in the first place, a much greater number
of varieties. That, I think, is one of the
great points which we should bear in mind.
For mowing-lots, I would select grasses
that blossom about the same time. I would
sow the early grasses by themselves, and the
late grasses by themselves. The common
custom has been to sow only clover, timothy and red-top. Sometimes a farmer has
sown with them a little orchard grass,
But orchard grass blossoms three or four
weeks earlier than timothy, and clover
two or three weeks, at least, earlier
than timothy or red top; so that
when you sow clover, orchard grass,
timothy and red-top together, your
orchard grass and clover are ready to
cut before timothy and red-top will
be headed out at all, to say nothing of their
being in blossom. And many farmers will
hesitate before putting in the scythe when
these grasses are in that condition. They being in blossom. And many farmers will hesitate before putting in the scythe when these grasses are in that condition. They want to wait a little while; and, if they want to wait a little wine; and, it they wait long enough for the red-top and article with the above head, the writer of make the orchard-grass has become comparatively worthless; for it has gone to seed, and become hard to be balky. For my part, I don't believe this doctrine; I think there are more balky. and woody, and just about as indigestible as a chestnut rail. I do not believe there s a chestnut rail. I do not beneve success a chestnut rail. I do not beneve shall be a chestnut rail. I do not be that condition; and, if you should leave that condition; and, if you should leave it to the judgment and taste of your cows, they would come to the same conclusion. They know what is good for them much better than we do.

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Now, supposing a man should make up know what is required of them; the result Now, supposing a man should make up his mind that he will have all the early grasses together, as far as practicable, and all his late grasses together, then he can commence his haying, in some cases, by the middle of June; and he will not be anxious about the condition of his later fields, because he have at that they will be improved.

I have raised and broken many colts, but have raised and broken many colts. about the condition of his later fields, because he knows that they will be improving for a few days longer. He is not, therefore, hurried. He has greater command of his labour, and can take it leisurely; whereas, if his grasses come into condition about the same time, he knows that before he can get through mowing some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in their nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in their nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in their nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in their nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in their nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in their nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in their nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in their nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in their nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in the nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in the nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in the nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in the nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in the nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in the nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his grasses will be entirely too ripe to be in the nutritive and before he can get through moving some of his gra there are some advantages in making this addition—sowing the early grasses by themselves and the late grasses by themselves. Orchard grass is one of the earliest varieties. Then we have the June or Kentucketh.

Orchard grass is one of the earliest varieties. Then we have the June or Kentucky bluegrass, perennial rye-grass, not quite so early as orchard-grass, but considerably earlier than Timothy, the meadow-fescue, and perhaps the tall oat-grass. With these we can sow red and alsike clover advantageously. We ought to devote more attention to clover than we generally do. I know very well that most of our farmers raise it to some extent, perhaps, in some cases, to as great an extent as is advisable; but, taking the State over, I do no believe we fully appreciate the value of clover, or give sufficient attention to it. Clover is a very peculiar plant. It is a plant which really fertilizes and improves the soil, rather than the reverse. You know that if corn, or any of our ordinary crops, is allowed to ripen its seed it is exhausting to the soil. It takes out a great many of the fertilizing elements from the soil to build up its structure; and the soil is, of course, exhausted in proportion to that extraction. Clover is an exception to other crops in that respect. It not only stores up in its roots a large amount of all the students of Queen's College.

BUCATIONAL NOTES.

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All the students of Queen's College, Kingston, whose names were before the Presbyterian Assembly's Home Mission Committee have received more discovered in cost of \$69,500 in thirty years. nitrogenous elements to the soil through the falling and the decay of its leaves. It is a wonderful exception, in that respect, to our cultivated grasses and other crops. work in Canada.

you know, and get a considerable portion of their sustenance from the subsoil. Then all these broad-leaved plants derive a large proportion of their nutriment from the atmosphere. These elements are stored up, partly in the stalk, partly in the root, and, to a much larger extent, in the soil itself, while the clover remains in it. A careful investigation has shown that an ordinary fair average acre of

AGRICULTURAL.

Gordon, April 20th, 1878.

Drar Sir, —Would you kindly inform me and the public, through the Weekly Mail, the legal number of pounds in a bushel of Timothy seed, as the merchants on the Manitouin Island maintain and give only 45 lbs to the bushel, when the standard weight of grain in Sangster's Arithmetic allows 60 lbs to a bushel of Timothy or red clover seed.

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BALKY HORSES.

I noticed, in one of your late issues, an

faculty agreed unanimously to attach the highest mark (cum summa laude) to her A law was lately passed in New Jersey prohibiting students from voting. Six students at Princeton voted at the recent local who may be called the unemployed, for it dents at Princeton voted at the recent local elections, and thus incurred the penalty of \$500 fine and a year in prison. Two of them (theological students) were arrested. Good authorities declare the law unconstitutional.

stitutional.

Mr. James T. Fields, lecturing in New York lately on "Cheerfulness," said he was not surprised that so many pupils died young, and in giving an example of the way in which some children dread the I firmly believe it is treatment that makes balky horses; and I don't believe they are harshness of their teacher, related the following anecdote. He said he once was in a school-room when he heard the principal

Committee, have received appointments to mission fields. Thirty-three students in all go from Queen's College at the close of the present session into the Presbyterian Church work in Canada.

To the Editor of The Mail. From Inspector Smith's report we learn that in Wentworth there are now 36 britch 18 stone and 19 frame school houses. The all these broad-leaved pants derive a large proportion of their nutriment from the atmosphere. These elements are stored up, partly in the stalk, partly in the stoot, and, to a much larger extent, is the soil itself, while the clover remains in it. A careful investigation has shown that an ordinary fair average acre of clover-toots will contain over fifty pounds of nitrogen or nitrogenous compounds; and the soil that it is seed, is filled with nitrogen and its compounds to a much greater extent than it would be by applying a full and complete closers in the spring. It is a remarkable fact, that while clover takes out of the soil as much, perhaps, of some of the elements of the doings of the strange and nitrogenous lements than any other crop. If is a fact which a great many observing farmers in England and this country have noticed, that, after a crop of clover, a grain crop will grow better than it will after any other crop.

ABORTION IN CATTLE.

Considerable correspondence and discousion has on has appeared in the English papers of the Agricultural Gazette at hand, there is a communication from which we take the following :—

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ster of SKETCHES FROM OLD LON-DON SLUMS.

You may see him and the wretched class which he represents any day that you please to take your walks abroad. His sudden and spasmodic simulation of alertness and activity when he sees you looking at him and thinks it possible you may be able to give him a job; the way in which he takes his foul, stumpy pipe out of his mouth, furtively slips it into his pocket,



and rubs his hands down the sides of his slim, threadbare trousers; the pace at which he shuffles away; the half reluctant 326.

The death of Rossini's wife allows the provision to take effect that 3,000 francs each shall be annually given to the composer of the best musical composition and to the author of the words to the same. Natives of France only can compete for these prizes.

The philosophical faculty at Bern University has promoted a Russian lady, Madame Litvinovr, of Tula, to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. She passed her examination with such brilliancy that the much whether you give me a job or not. Nobody ought to starve, and I'd better eat in gaol, where they are bound to give me victuals, than die for want of a meal that he likes of you would never miss."



and the whole of the New Testament without even the slightest defect, originally discovered by Tischendorf stowed away out of sight in the Greek convent of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai. Its date is supposed to be the early part of the 4th century. Mr. Mackay has presented the volume to the library of the Presbyterian College in Montreal. The Patrologia of Abbe Migne, a collection of the writings of the Greek and Latin Fathers and ecclesiastical writers from the days of the Apostles to the beginning of the 16th century, has also been given to the same library by Mr. Peter Redpath.

MANIPULATING THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS.

To the Editor of The Mail.



will make their veloce heard. In this day the Mackenzie crew of incapables will be swept out of office."

The Parkhill Gazette, a Reform journal, is supremely disgusted with the "Comealong-John" men in the ranks of its party.

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"Had not Major Walker, H. H. Cook, and others of that ilk, under the banner of Reform, disgraced themselves and the party by their illegal acts, how much better would the Reform party stand in the estimate of the electorate to-day? We would have no sneers at our political hypocrisy and 'Come-along-John' incidents."

The term "through freight" is taking on a new and more extended meaning. It used to mean the carrying of merchandize between the Atlantic seaboard and the To the Editor of The Mail.

SIR,—I deem it proper to call the attention of the public to the strenuous efforts put forth during the last year in the manipulation of the assessment rolls by their ready adoption of the latest novelty in the way of toys, tools, or bran new gimcracks.

Between the Atlantic seaboard and the lengitude of Chicago and the Mississippi, the city by their ready adoption of the latest novelty in the way of toys, tools, or bran new gimcracks.





lar need of doing that, but the wife and mother should know that everything is in wearing order. If she has not done her mending before Saturday afternoon, she should then look over hose, under-clothes, skirts, &c., and see if all are right. If she does not, on Sabbath morning the good man will find his shirt buttonless (especially if washed with a machine and wrung with a wringer); John, a hole in his footing; Fred, one in his glove, and Sallie fretting over boots with here and there a space where a button should be found. Such things should always be attended to on over boots with here and there a space where a button should be found. Such things should always be attended to on Saturday afternoon, if the new magazine remains unread and the last paper unopened. It is well (if the woman can) to spend Saturday evening in preparing the Sabbath School lesson for the morrow, and reading; the mind and body are then better prepared for the duties of the holy day. Do not, I pray you, descrate the evening by hurrying until the clock strikes twelve, trying to finish a new suit to wear to church the next day, if you have anything decent to put on. God has not placed us here to hurry and fret to dress these frail bodies in the latest style. If you are making a new suit during the week, get it nearly done by Saturday afternoon, and know that in order to finish it you must neglect other things much more important, and sew until your conscience bids you stop—lay it by, out of sight, and

clove of garlick; take a bunch of leeks and tie up with them a leaf of bay laurel and a root of parsley (if you have not the whole plant, some leaves alone), and put this into the pot with the other things. Let it boil very slowly for four hours. Cook apart in a saucepan two fine cabbages; do not put any water with them, but when the pot au feu is nearly cooked take off the top of the soun, put it over the cabbages, and let lids of rags—where the means of decency and health are denied to them and their children, do we wonder to find that father or mother has gone to the corner where the gin shop flares so bright and warm, and the door is always invitingly on the swing.

As a result of all this see yonder emaciated, decrepid-looking woman slink out of the all who love flowers can participate, and the chemist says she wanted "laudanum," and he goes to tell you how some feeble women who have long borne the burden of daily work, such as charing, or washing, come in at night and take a dose of the stupifier.

CANADIAN.

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Horace Greeley's advice, "Go West," still rankles in the bosoms of many, and scarce a day passes but we see one, two, three and sometimes as many as a dozen young men starting out to seek "fresh fields and pastures new."—Brockville Recorder.

At this season all the plants in the window garden in a saucepan two fine cabbages; do not put any water with them, but when the pod cut few is nearly cooked take off the top of the soup, put it over the cabbages, and let them cook in it for half an hour or an hour. When the soup is ready take some crustic of the accupation for which no one is too poor. The broken sugar-bowl, or tea-pot, or tin an occupation for which no one is too poor. The broken sugar-bowl, or tea-pot, or tin an occupation for which no one is too poor. The broken sugar-bowl, or tea-pot, or tin an occupation for which no one is too poor. The broken sugar-bowl, or tea-pot, or tin an occupation for which no one is too poor. The broken sugar-bowl, or tea-pot, or tin an occupation for which no one is too poor. The broken sugar-bowl, or tea-pot, or tin an occupation for which no one is too poor. The broken sugar-bowl, or tea-pot, or tin an occupation for which no one is too poor. The broken sugar-bowl, or tea-pot, or tin an occupation for which no one is too poor. The broken sugar-bowl, or tea-pot, or tin an occupation for which no one is too poor. The broken sugar-bowl, or tea-pot, or tin an occupation for

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on your lett hand, with the stem between your fingers; give the bottom of it a few raps, and the plant will slip into your hand. Place it in the centre of the fresh pot, and fill up all around its sides with good potting soil, pushing it firmly down with your fingers, or a small stick. Cover the top with fresh soil, then strike the pot soveral times on the floor. Water it well and keep it in the shade for three or four days.

Saturday suggests to every discriminating mind its own work—to prepare for the day of rest. The whole house should be in order, with enough cooking done to last through Monday. In many families the wearing apparel for the morrow is all laid out ready to put on in the morning. Unless the family is large, there is no particular need of doing that, but the wife and mother should know that everything is in wearing order. If she has not done her

quick oven.

CAPE COD GINGERBREAD.—One cup of cape cop dingerbread.—One cup of molasses, two tablespoonfuls of lard and a pinch of salt, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one-third cup of boiling water, one-half teaspoonful of ginger. Mix stiff; roll out one-half inch thick, and bake in a moderate oven. Mark it off gingerbread pattern, when ready for the oven. It will keep for weeks, and age improves it.

Pancakes.—One pint of flour, one teaspoonful of cream-tartar, one-half teaspoonful of cream-tartar, one-half teaspoonful.