Hills or Drills for Corn ?

The question as to which is the most profitable, the planting of corn in drills or in hills, is still considerably diswell. Apparently there was much saved by the drilling system, as it only requires that the land should be requires that the land should be marked ance after a desperate struggle against out one way, and the corn dropped his prejudices, for a Chinaman-who along the furrow and covered by the knows that his wife is gazed upon unplow. There is undoubtedly good economy of time by this plan, and, if was funny," says the correspondent, the plants are properly thinned, much planted in hills in the usual way. Three or four stalks in one hill necessitates a strong struggle for food. These four plants do not do so well, thus strugg.ing together in hills every four feet apart, as when each plant is but one foot There are as many plants to the acre in one case as in the other; but each one being isolated, yields more than when four are together in one hill.

If this were all, there would be no question about the value of this system: but we have looked into both methods carefully, and have noted that the drill system, though taking less the world through, and figures show labor at first to plant, takes more labor that there are as many men in it as to keep clean. In the hill culture it is women. Others attribute it to the exnecessary to have considerable hand labor to keep the weeds out of the hills ont marry because, it is said, they canuntil the corn gets large enough to take not afford it. But the fact is, that no man who truly loved a woman ever care of itself; but the drill system gives us three or four times the number of hesitated to become engaged to her hills to look after. Indeed every stalk and eventually marry her because of is a hill. Thus the manual labor is her poverty.

nearly quadrupled.

After all said about the profits of farming, it is not so much the crops tion, who may be deterred from assum-which are produced, or the prices the ing what they regard as a burden in the produce brings, which makes our profits.

shape of a wife, unless assured of a liberal income, but most are not so calcuback in all questions as to what we can make from our land; and, as a general evil to woman's fastidiousness. They thing, those systems prove, in the long run, and most profitable, which produce the best crops by the least amount let the possible substance slip through of hand labor. In this mooted question of drilling or hilling cor..., there is no doubt but an acre of the former will than men are, and are just as susceptible vield more than an acre of the latter; as men to that enchantment of love We have seen it carefully tested, thirty cents a day, we may have another

Soot for the Garden.

Those who have soot, either of wood or bituminous coal, should, says the Prairie Gardener, carefully save it for use in the garden. It is valuable for its power of reabsorbing ammonia. It other .- Golden Era. is simply charcoal (carbon) in an extremely divided state, but from the creosote it contains, is useful in destroying insects, and is at the same time valuable as a fertilizer for all garden crops. It must not be mixed with a little salt may be used with it. Soot steeped in water and allowed to stand and settle for a day or two is also a plants, possessing precisely the same qualities that the parings of horses' hoots do. For flowers out of doors it is especially valuable, since it may be easily applied, and tends to increase the vividness of the bloom, and mixed with asparagus, onions, cabbage, etc., in connection with compost, in the prosalt it is a most excellent fertilizer for

few, if any others, upon whom old age has such a damaging effect. As the sheep is much shorter lived than any other of our domestic animals, it is not strange that many farmers attempt to remaining so several years longer. But the sheep is very old when it reaches the age of ten, the natural limit of the term of its life. Af er reaching this age sheep are very likely to be injured by the slight exposures which do vounger animals no barm. They are more liable to be attacked by disease, and if they live they will be likely to produce less done previously. We do not think it pays, except perhaps in special instances. keep sheep after they are six years old .- American Cultivator.

To Bleach Cloth.

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S. M. B. sends the following directions which she has followed with success for twelve years without injuring the fabric: Into eight quarts of warm water put one pound of chloride of lime; stir with a stick a few minutes, then strain through a bag of course muslin, working it with the hand to dissolve thoroughly. Add to this five bucketfuls of warm water, stir it well, and put in the muslin. Let it remain in one hour, turning it over occasionally that every part may get thoroughly bleached. When taken out, wash well in two waters to remove the line, rinse and dry. This quantity will bleach twenty-five yards of yard-wide muslin. This muslin will bleach more avenly and quickly if it has been thoroughly wet and dried before bleaching.—New York Tribune.

True friendship is secretive, but familiarity isever synonymous of gush.

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

A Chinawoman at a Ball. The wife of the Chinese ambassador at Paris appeared at a recent ball un vei ed. She tottered about the rooms the plants are properly thinned, much "to see him trying to look the other way, more corn to the acre results than when so as not to incur the disgrace involved in the knowledge of her presence. One corner of an almond eye was fixed on vacancy, the other was watching the wife to see that she did not stumble as she walked about the rooms.'

> One of the greatest social problems of the day is to explain why there are so many marriageable women who do not marry. Some say it is owing to an excess in numbers of women over men, in consequence of which there are not husbands enough to be found. This, however, is disproved by statistics. Take There are cold-blooded men, with no idea of any feeling for a woman stronger than languid admiraexpect too much in a husband, and, while waiting for an impossible shadow,

which invests its object with every perother, and therefore does not pay as fection and covers up every fault. So far as men and women are concerned, upon the quality of your thoughts; and know whereof we speak. When they are as prone to marriage now as in therefore, guard accordingly, and take and labor can be had for twenty or any period of the world's history. Never- care that you entertain no notions unertheless, there are women waiting for suitable to virtue and unreasonable to husbands and not getting them. They nature. are pretty, they are accomplished, they are sensible, and under proper training they would make excellent wives and mothers, but they never get a chance. What seems to be needed is a more

Fashion Facts.

Among the new ribbons those entirely of gilt threads, making a sort of cloth of gold, are the most elegant for Tuscan and lace bonnets. Yellow satir lime, else its ammonia would be dissi-pated, but if the soil is dry and hungry many of twilled silk doubled, and tied

in a long-looped bow below the crown. The hand-painted laces are imported at great expense, a single barbe costing often \$25, and serving only as strings, or for a very small part of the trimming. Some of these combine the patest shades of rose pink, olive green, and pale blue, while others have richest cashmere colors, mingling old

Pale blue velvet edged with the narportion of one quart of salt to six quarts rowest gold lace lines the brim of the of soot. For two bushels of compost this quantity makes a heavy dressing the new tape-bordered gros-grained ribfor each square rod, to be worked in next the surface of the soil.

Kill Your Sheep Young.

There are few animals kept on the form which which surface of black part of bl chip faced with wide gold braid has a scarf of black net dotted with gold Lyon's Heel Stiffeners, and wear them again.

The Spanish lace bonnets approach more nearly the design of the Spanish mantilla. They are made of one very long black scarf very lightly mounted on a frame which is really only a wire bar across the front and below where the crown should be. This bar is covered with a row of large gold beads. A carbon to the crown should be. This bar is covered with a row of large gold beads. A statem D. New York City. keep them too long. Atten years of age the crown should be. This bar is covthe horse is just in his prime, and the cow is as good as ever, with the prospect of premaining so syveral years longer. But and another bunch catches the scarf together low on the breast.

Postilion basques and "tournures" are daily gaining in favor. With this style of waist the fronts are pointed, and the sides cut out over the hips. while the back forms position coat-tails. The waists are smaller than ever, rewool and smaller lambs than they have quiring corsets of the very best make.

Irish point lace in heavy rich designs is imported in directoire collars and in straight, square or long collar bands. with deep square cuffs attached, like permanent trimming to the waist of dark dresses of handsome materials. There are also cuirasses of this lace made without sleeves.

Old gold colored Tuscan lace straw bonnets are lined with old gold colored satin next to the straw, and velvet facings also under the brim, while gold shot yellow satin ribbons and ribbons woven of gold thread, and gold net strings, add to the rich effect of the bright flowers and feathers used in trimming them.

One of the coaches on the Grea Western railroad, of England, has been painted with Prof. Balmain's luminous paint. It is in appearance very little different from ordinary paint, but dur-ing the time the carriage is exposed to the light the paint is rapidly absorbing the daylight, and when night comes it throws out a mild radiance. It has been employed on life buoys, rendering them visible from a long distance. Lassoing a Locomotive.

In one of the old-fashioned school books we used to read the story of a bear made against the "march-of improve-Another and sadder example ment." chos," those Arabs of the South American deserts, when the railroad ears first ran across the pampas of Buenos Ayres. Says one of the engineers:

They instinctively looked upon us 's8 foes, and sought to kill, rob or thwart We were like a small garrison surrounded by savage hordes.

At last we got ready for a trial trip. up in all directions, and then come fly-Why Are There Any Unmarried Women! when their snorting stallions did not themselves suddenly halt.

oco,000. Then the soldiers in Asis

and made ready for our return. As we had tested the road, we felt more secure, ficial, will not "come out" from dampand put on the steam. Away we flew: ness or perspiration, if wet with nep but to our amazement, we saw two tunite—that's the name of it. Fittee to the exMen' do
the new beast with the lasso. Before longer be wet, all the colds will be prewe could check our speed the lassoflew; vented and half the deaths. but as it circled round the smokestack, people in the world, I under the wheels. "

we stopped, and did all that we could, water as if stricken with hydrophobia taking up the body of the madman and bearing it on to our destination, his friends following, but afraid to enter.

We endeavored to explain to them the nature of steam and its terrible lating. Others, again, attribute the power, but argument was useless; nothing could make them believe that boiling water could outstrip and outpull a horse. Horses in the iron box were, to their minds, a sensible explanatheir fingers. This is a libel on the sex. tion of what they saw.

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Neptunite is the name of the new in vention "whereby all fabrics and ma who undertook to fight a saw-mill; and terials are made water-repellant and very soon found himself in two pieces.
Bruin's luckless attempt was a type of
all the rash and ignorant resistance New York a trial was made of it. A dummy robed in lovely silks and vel vets was subjected to a fountain of water from the hose, and the Croton hopped from the gay apparel as if i were so much quicksilver or water on a hot stove lid. The Telegram makes this amusing computation of the pecuniary value of the invention:

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For nearly fifty yes that office, rain or shi and now he scorned absence caused by a
as a headache.

So he patted Mo
kissed her white bro
his coupe, while the

by the window and and affectionately could no longer see e "There!" she exaway from the wind to have watched him

And then, with a at her own superst away to her room. She was very for who had just left th good reason, too, for her when she was world, friendless ar the want of parents.

He loved her as the father and mother, in place of both; an tion of a daughter. the hour of noon, ole brought home, dead been a premonitory ing disregarded, no herself by striking apoplexy.

His head fell for

and he never raised Poor Mollie was s and mourned as one comforted. The poor girl, y enced, scarcely kne with such presence summon to her aid, Mr. Somerset's rela

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