MISFORTUNE FOR ONTARIO When Planets

RAPID INCREASE IN THE AREA; and meadows means not only a vast UNDER GRASS, WHILE FIELD CROPS ARE STATIONARY.

winter fair was in progress at Guelph, round. One man, with occasional help, has passed almost without comment; will handle a hay or grass farm. and still it was one of the most impor-

has increased by well over a million for.

The steady enlargement of pastures inces.

THE ECCENTRIC

shrinkage in the returns which ought to come from agriculture in the Proyince, but it involves as well a corresponding reduction in agricultural NATURE HAS MANY DEVICES FOR population. In the Niagara district, Toronto Star: One statement in an where fruit is the staple product, some address by Prof. Zavitz, while the ployment to twenty men the year

Why is it that there is such a wholetant statements made in the whole sale desertion of farm lands as the course of lectures delivered in fair facts given indicate? The cause is not found in the poverty in returns. It is What Mr. Zavitz said had to do with beyond question that our well-tilled the rapid increase in the area under farms have given greater rewards for grass in Ontario. There are roughly the labor bestowed on them in the Province, and of this total over 5,000, period. Ten and first and three and one-half millions to pasture. they are rather the exception. Under steals a ride on a freight train, these Province is in grass in one form or rather than a steady decrease in rural plants, through their seeds attached to our another. In ten years the area so used population would naturally be looked clothing, are able to journey to distant

The net returns in such cases Alberta. On the other hand, the price fresh distributing centers. will frequently more than treble the obtainable here for farm products will gross income from an acre in hay, can be obtained in the newer prov-

ALBERT NOBEL

TRACED THE IRREGULARITIES SOME FREAKISH INCIDENTS OF OF HIS PULSE-HOW HE GOT THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN THE NEW PICTURES FOR HIS WALLS.

Alfred Nobel, whose memory receives

first Paris and then San Remo his

Only twice did Nobel ever visit the great high explosive factory which he rugs in his carriage driving to his laboratory outside the city. He had an extraordinary knowledge of languages, a distrust of lawyers-he made his own will-and when heart disease came upon him he wore a sphygmograph to trace the irregularities of his pulse.

Tiring of the pictures on his walls he arranged with an art dealer to have his rooms hung with pictures on hire, returning them and receiving others in exchange as often as he liked. He took out 129 patents in England, and that had not been cut in fifty-three wind. With the goldenrods and asters the invention to which he attached years. The postmaster at Erie was there is no connecting thread, but a tuft anything very mean laid to the farmmost importance was his artificial in- lucky enough to intercept an infernal grows from the seed. The milkweed also er's charge. dia rubber, of which few people have machine which would probably have has a silken plume, which springs from

WOMEN WALL STREET SPECU-LATORS.

The number of women speculators is The number of women speculators is himself ate with a spoon (no knife or is caused by a single waving bit of down the ordinary Wall street habitue would fork is allowed him) a sumptuous reat the end of each seed. It would serve the ordinary Wall street nablue would past from Delmonico's. Fifty con- at the end of each seed. It would serve imagine. It is not commonly known, but past from Delmonico's. Fifty con- as a feather boa for some fairy, if those it is a fact that many brokerage houses victs were liberated by the governor little persons ever indulge in such vanity. maintain private rooms for their women of Texas, two by the governor of Ineustomers, with more often than not pridiana, and an Alabama youth was plants. This is more the case with those rate entrances. There are several rea- handed over to the care of Judge Lind- that produce some kind of berry. The fruit sons for this. One is that many women sey, of Denver. Chopping the butt is eaten by a bird, the soft part is digest. who speculate do so secretly, without the of a Christmas tree in prospect, Con-ed, and the hard stone containing the seed knowledge of their family, their relatives necticut, William Smith, a farmhand is dropped, it may be, miles from where or the friends. On this account they nearly cut off his great toe. An- the fruit was eaten. This may account their Wall street being unknown. An-window and struck a child, Mabel Sco- and wild cherry grow spontaneously in desires it, principally, be it confessed. because he is anxious that if there be any "scenes" they shall be private ones, "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife"-and sight. For truth compels the statement that women are poorer losers than men. It is the testimony of conservative brokers that a woman gambler is much more of a gambler than a man-burning the farmhouse. Believing the however, is able to overcome these diffimuch more of a gambier than a man-tree bewitched, the father, Ambrose culties. The seeds come in pairs in a little much mere, that is, in absorbing tends clousness and almost vindictiveness. She Scovill, threw it into the hogpen, nut. When the nut is ripe it opens across seems to be carried out of and beyond where it fell on and killed a chicken. the two cells, in each of which is a seed. herself to a degree that becomes uncom- It takes all kinds of people to make a The seeds are smooth, the walls of the cells when she is a winner, and, as I have said, the proportion of winners to losers among women is about one to twenty, there seems to be in her satisfaction a kind of maliciousness that is not good to see.-The World

The standing pine of the three old pine States-Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota-probably does not exceed 20,000.000,000 feet. Last year the total cut of pine in these three States was but about 3,292,000,-000 feet. At that rate the stompage will be exhausted in six or seven years. The original growh in these States was approximately 400,000,000,000 feet. The greater part has been cut off since 1873. It doesn't take the average man long

WHICH LINIMENT IS BEST?

For muscular pains and aches a ity thick oily preparation can't penetrate

acres, or about equal to the increase in hay and pasture grow, instead of remaining close by the so the cure will go on while one rests.

ODD HAPPENINGS AT CHRISTMAS

UNITED STATES.

munificent prizes, had little personal same old way, odd things were hap- with a choice assortment of stick-tights. over. The wrapping should be snug, knowledge of England, says the Lon- pening in odd corners of the continent. don Chronicle. He disliked our climate In Chattanooga all the saloons of the like small sunflowers, while others have and cooking-in all London he found city were closed tight; the temperance only a small head of brown flowers devoid only one hotel and one restaurant people never could get it done, but this of rays. As the seeds ripen the flowers where dinner was a possibility, and he time the sagoonkeepers themselves qualified even this praise by describing reached an agreement to Chicago the qualified even this praise by describing their cuisine as "the least disagree- reached an agreement. In Chicago the Each seed is so slightly fastened that a be visible. their cuisine as "the least disagree-able" in England.

A disappointment that he never got over was that he was not elected a member of the Royal Society, while to Mr. Santa Claus to friends of his own, who sent appropriate answers to an admirable device for clinging fast, as the continued use will give to the continued use will give to the continued use will give their cuisine as "the least disagree-postmaster made himself liable to puntiouch will loosen its hold. Two and in some cases four prongs project outward from the free end. A magnifying glass shows these prongs to be covered with small barbs turned backward. It makes a file will shorten them without interest their cuising as "the least disagree-postmaster made himself liable to puntion will loosen its hold. Two and in scissors or a knife for trimming the shows these prongs to be covered with small barbs turned backward. It makes a file will shorten them without interest the continued use will give member of the Royal Society, while own, who sent appropriate answers to his lifelong weakness and nervous disposition and winter bronchitis made over five thousand children. Down anyone who has spent his time removing thosen abode on his attainment of cotton mill district" signified their Whether the body of the seed be flat and lack of sympathy with a collection oblong, or long and slender, the barbs that was being taken up to provide hold equally well. The prettiest burr is them with Christmas cheer. Miss that of the agrimony. It is pear-shaped established in Scotland. In Paris he Helen Gould spent three hours hand- and covered with bristles having slightly was to be seen daily huddled up in his ing out pink carnations to sixteen hun- curved tips. wishes in a dozen languages. Winston, means of conveyance. The wind furnishes round to make it smaller and then cut-Connecticut, was all wrought up in the motive power, a parachute is spread, welcome to the first baby born in the and the seed is wafted on its journey. The village in ten years. Sterling, Illinois, people had a visit from a soldier who was officially reported dead two months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Luck, of and two boys in their stockings. A hangs like a car from the lower end of a

ever heard, because his dynamite killed many. Harry Thaw, in New the seed. The thistle has a long seed, with ald. "Ten years ago he sent his con York, gave forty-seven boxes of cigars each fiber of the plume covered with out wi' a tin bucket to milk the cow. son, twelve boxes of Irish lace hand- lettuce resembles the outline of an Italian back, and naething was heard about kerchiefs to the women, two cigars, a wine flask, with a tuft rising from the the lad until the other morning, when box of cocoa and a half-dozen lumps of meck. The clematis, covering an old wall he knocked at his father's door. As a sugar to every fellow-prisoner, and himself are with a spoon (no knife or gered, he threw the axe and it broke a for the way in which berry bushes, haw, vill in the face inflicting a severe cut. ground newly cleared or burned over. Trimming the tree later, Mrs. Wm. Scovill fell and broke an ankle. Indignant over the chain of accidents, Howard Scovill, a son of the woman, insisted on doing the rest of the work himself, and while testing the candown, and under the circumstances would dles set the tree on fire and nearly simply fall to the ground. The witch hazel,

MAKING OLIVE OIL.

The making of olive oil is quite a simple process, but one calling for the exercise of the greatest care and cleanliness to produce the best results. The fruit is first lightly pressed in stone mills, almost identical with those used in ancient times. Indeed, French oil makers attribute much of their success to the continued use of these simple, old-time contrivances.

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The residuum of these operations is that's why Nerviline beats them all—boiled in water, the oil being skimmed this, in their turn, take root and grow. In it sinks right in. "I wouldn't live withfrom the surface. This gives a still this way the fern walks slowly all over the B. Cottam, of Mastown, N.S. "If you of course, at a lower price than the have rheumatism or soreness in the others. What remains after all these muscles or in fact any need of an processes is generally allowed to fer- beautiful, honest liniment, Nerviline fills the bill. ment, the resulting oil being used for can recommend it highly because I lubricating purposes and for soap have proved that in one application of making. Sometimes, however, the Polson's Nerviline there is more virtue mass of pulp, instead of being allowed and Texas, and the value of such a crop than in a whole bottle of ordinary linito ferment, is pressed into cakes and would be \$400,000,000. This would make the Polson's Nerviline there is more virtue mass of pulp, instead of being allowed ment." Try one of the large 25c bot- used for food for cattle, when ordinary rice crop fifth in point of value among fodder is scarce or high priced.

Go Traveling

SCATTERING SEEDS.

Every Woods Rambler an Instrument-The Wind and the Birds Also Lend Their Aid-Things That Only the Keen-Sighted Behold.

places, where they may take root and treatment at night before going to bed. In the same time in the total area of area is due to the difficulty in section and the same time in the total area of cleared land. In other words, the grass curing labor, and the explanation of vantageous it is for a plant to spread and the shape of the neils area. crop is increasing at the rate of upthis scarcity of labor again is found
the seeds fall the shape of the nails or only to betto the ground where they grow, it means
ter the general condition these rules wards of 100,000 acres per annum, in two main causes—the rush to the city on one hand, and to the west on the other field crops remains practically stationary.

The showing is a deplorable one, no matter from what standpoint the subject is looked at. An acre in pasture er, without capital, may be obliged to matter to secure land at a religious and structure of 15 go west in order to secure land at a religious again to the total grow, it means that there will be but a single colony in that one spot. A catastrophe may wipe that there will be but a single colony in that one spot. A catastrophe may wipe it out, while the crowding and struggle for growth of many seedlings will tend to make all poorly developed and of small vitality. Hence we find in plants an effort to extend their bounds, in which devices are used which seem almost to show from the top to the base to help loosen will do well if it gives a return of \$5 go west in order to secure land at a vices are used which seem almost to show from the top to the base to help loosen In the season; the average return from price within the limit of his means. a certain degree of intelligence. One is the old flesh. A drop of oil is then the hay fields of the Province, in a But he has to go very far west, indeed, that which I have just mentioned, of the put around the bottom of each nail, normal year, runs about \$15. The in order to secure this. Farms with seeds being so equipped as to stick fast to that the cuticle may not harden. same amount of land devoted to coarse good buildings on them can be bought whatever rough surface happens to come grain, roots and corn, and the crops within thirty to fifty miles of Toronto in contact with them. It makes no difintelligently applied to stock feeding, at a price little above the figures asked ference whether this be of man or beast, can be easily made to average \$30 per for lands with very little in the way of the seeds ride along until they chance to acre. Where truck and fruit is grown buildings located anywhere near rail- be brushed off, where, if conditions are the value of the crops is vastly great- ways in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, or right, they take root and grow to become whole flesh may be moved, but unless

> Its pretty little flowers, like small pink sweet pea blossoms, appear in clusters in the woods late in the summer. They ap-

pear very inofensive, and give no hint of on it. what a nuisance they will later become. places. Some have showy yellow blossoms tion. these unwelcome passengers can testify.

dandellon is a common example of this me'hod of travel. We all know the beautiful downy balls that a breath will dissipate. If we pause to look closely at each man in Lodi, Ohio, frightened his fam- filament of down, from the top of which ily by appearing without his beard, shorter filaments spread to catch the to the men attendants of his pri- smaller bits of down. The seed of the wild Birds also have a share in spreading Cases have even been known of plants springing up from seeds carried in the

mud on a duck's feet. The witch hazel uses an odd method to spread its seeds. They are very heavy, are also smooth. As soon as the nut is fully open the cells begin to contract at the sides, and the seed is squeezed out and snapped to a distance in the same manner as we snap a watermelon seed

between thumb and finger. Many trees avail themselves of the wind to scatter their seeds. The seed of the maple bears a striking resemblance to the wing of an insect. Birches and elms have borders around their seeds to catch the wind. When a breeze plays through the branches of the ash it sweeps away seeds shaped like miniature paddles. The flat blade of the tulip tree's seed serves the same purpose. The Balm of Gilead shakes down a storm of imitation snow as the wind loosens the cottony seeds and starts them whirling on their voyage.

To turn from high to lowly things, on some happy day we find a rock covered with the little walking fern. It has long, slender leaves with sharp points. These curve over till the point touches the rock a few inches from the parent plant's base. Where the plant touches new leaves grow

And so in many ways plants travel to cover the earth and to keep it green and

It is estimated that 21,000,000 acres are available for rice-growing in Louisiana the cereals of this country.

THE TREATMENT OF THE NAILS

HOW TO MAKE BROAD FINGER TIPS LESS HOMELY.

Unshapely nails cannot be made beautiful in a night, but weeks of constant care will bring into prominence the half moons always seen on pretty nails, and will make broad finger tips less homely.

Getting the nails flexible is the first process in improving their shape, and On returning from a walk in the woods this work is accomplished largely by 14,000,000 acres of cleared land in the past ten years than in any previous late in the fall, we find our clothing decorthe use of grease. For this purpose Province, and of this total over 3,000,- period. Ten and fifteen years ago, ated with a varied lot of burrs and glycerin or sweet almond oil is ex-

> As with all toilet work, the best results will be obtained by taking the This done, gently push back the cut-

icle about the base. The object of this is to loosen any skin adhering to the nail, so that the this is most carefully done the skin If we examine the collection we have an- will be bruised, if not broken, and the wittingly gathered, we shall learn some nail enamel will be scratched.

very interesting facts. The first thing we Both these injuries are avoided by see is that there are many different kinds, having the skin soft when working on with varied ways of sticking fast. One it, and stopping at the slightest feelsometimes covers us with small, flat, aling of soreness. It is not to be exmost triangular prickles till we seem to be pected that enough flesh will be pushed clad in an armor of green scales. This back at a time to make any neticeable is the tick-trefoil. There are several difference in the shape of the nail. All that one can do is to loosen the skin. As each finger is fixed in this way another drop of oil should be put

When both hands have been treated The pod developed is not round and ten short bandages should be dipped smooth like a pea pod, but flat, covered into the oil and bound around each with short bristles, and deeply notched finger, putting the beginning of the While average, ordinary mortals the small triangular bits. The burrethe flesh will be brought up around the into sections, which easily separate into strip on the cushion of the tip so that its annual revival in the award of his were celebrating Christmas in the marigold, or tickseed tribe, furnishes us side of the nail as the bandage goes Its members are generaly partial to wet but not so tight as to stop circula-

> If this is done nightly for months a great improvement will be made in the

a more graceful shape, and even im prove the color and texture. A small stick, with flat end, used to push down the flesh, is another implement, besides a file, that is required. There are manicure sticks, made specially for this purpose, but one may dred immigrants on Ellis Island, New Not all plants travel deadhead. Many use a wooden skewer that comes from York, receiving thanks and Christmas are independent, and provide their own the butcher's, by whittling the end

ting flat. The edges should be rounded. NO FATTED CALF FOR HIM.

Two old cronies met the other day Roanoke, Virginia, found two girls a perfectly formed parachute; the seed mutual acquaintances. The conversation turned to Farmer Macdonald.

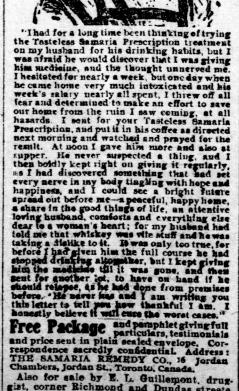
"Him!" contemptuously exclaimed erony No. 2, who had never heard

peace offering he brought the auld man

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a suit of claes, a gold watch, and a "Then," interrupted crony No 2, "I suppose Macdonald wad kill the fatted

"Not he," was the reply. "He said: Lad, they things will do very weel, but where's the tin bucket that you took awa' wi' you?" "-Titbits. The Society for the Protection o

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