

The Poet's Corner.

Hints for Travellers. More than thirty-five years ago we read the following scheme for emigration in a "parlor library of miscellany," or a book having some such title...

Farm and Garden.

Turf can successfully be laid down, if necessary, in dry and hot summer weather, by simply covering it when finished, before it gets too dry, with about a quarter of an inch of light soil...

Household Hints.

Pansy embroidery is pretty on peach-colored satin. A cushion intended for a rest for the neck in traveling is a novelty that will find favor...

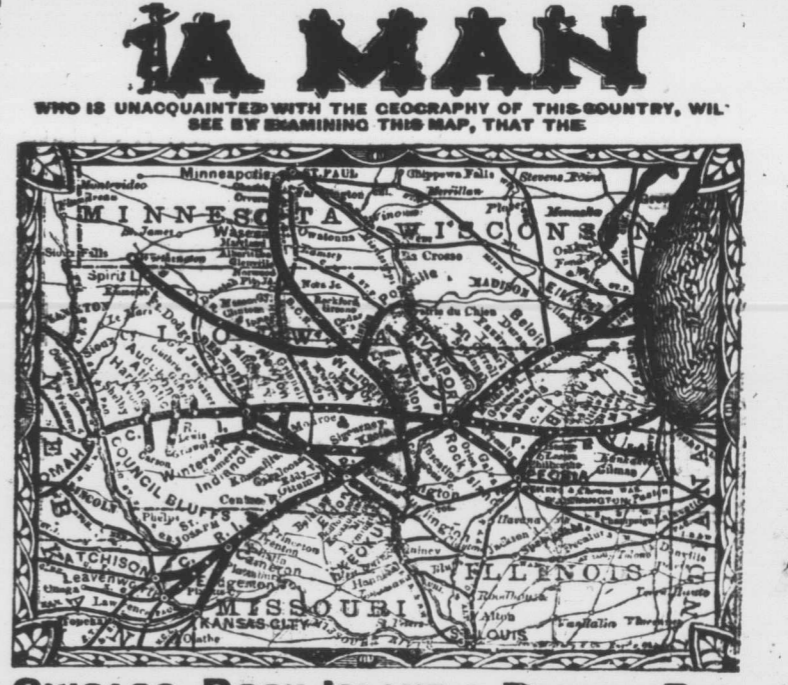
keep any length of time; but all air must be kept from it till wanted for use. It is better to use bottles that will hold the quantity needed for each Communion...

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Dirt Eaters of the Amazon. "You say they are dirt-eaters?" "Yes, sir, and I mean it in its literal sense. You know the French traveller, Macrois, who explored the source of the River Amazon, found a tribe of Indians so infernally fat that having eaten up all the four-footed animals in their reach, including parrots and monkeys, snakes and creeping things, were reduced to living solely on bugs and insects. These Ottomacs are fully as bad. They live upon mud-halls when the river is high and fishing ceases. It is a sort of unctuous clay of a peculiar kind, which they find upon banks of streams. It is soft to the touch, like putty. In its natural state it is of a yellowish gray colour, but when hardened before the fire it assumes a tinge of red, owing to the oxide of iron that it contains."

NEWLY SEEDING FIELDS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY looked over at this season. In many places weeds will appear that make it unadvisable to keep them in grass another year. The worst weed in young clover is the broad leaved plantain, as it is not easily smothered out. It is often sown with clover seed, and too much care cannot be taken to prevent it from getting possession of the fields where it appears. The most easily applied and best remedy for grass is caustic lime, either air or water slacked. It should be in a dry and powdered state. Take the chicken in the left hand and open its mouth, keeping it upright, and then drop a pinch of dry lime into it. Hold it in this position a few seconds until it is obliged to breathe, when it will inhale some of the lime; then let it go. One application of the lime has cured, in my experience, every case of grass, some of them in the last stages. After trying a number of remedies, I have hit upon this as the best of all, as it is simple and sure and does not injure the chicken. The lime kills the worms.

CRACK COOKIES.—One pound of flour, one-half pound of butter, three-quarters of a pound of sugar, four eggs, one-half pound currants well-washed and dredged, one-half teaspoonful of soda dissolved in hot water, one-half lemon grated rind and juice, one teaspoonful of cinnamon. Drop from a spoon upon a baking tin lined with well-buttered paper and bake quickly.

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