

AGRICULTURAL.

English Cheeses.

Pro. Sheldon has written the following interesting article for the Rural New Yorker...

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But in any case it is tolerably certain that several of our systems of cream making, as we have them to-day, date back to a very early period, and these systems, owing to local practices and to the influence of soil and climate in given localities, are well defined and clearly distinct from each other...

It is true most of all, perhaps, of the Stilton, which belongs to the deep sandy clay of Leicestershire—a soil which communicates a quality and flavor that, so far as I am aware, cannot be obtained in any other soil, but I have yet to find any sample of it equal in all respects to that made in the Melton Mowbray district...

FARM ITEMS.

SEED POTATOES.—Rural New Yorker says: upwards of 100 different kinds of potatoes raised last season, only two seed-balls formed from those from which it was desired to save seeds...

AMERICAN AGRICULTURE.—At Washington, recently, the House Committee on Agriculture completed the agricultural appropriation bill.

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He and his guests drank heavily. Drunkenness and sloth marked his daily life. Drinking-cups were so made as not to stand upright. Buckets were used to carry the mead or oil to the guests.

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The conquered, however, had his revenge—he forced his language upon his conqueror. The process was simple but effective. The unmarried Normans selected their wives from among the beautiful Saxon maidens, and these naturally taught their children their native tongue.

FOREIGN ECHOES.

Interesting News Items from all over the World.

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in both directions. The canal being entirely under the control of Germany, her men of war will be able to avoid the perilous passage of the belt, which Denmark is at present unable to impede by her coast batteries and by torpedoes.

A whole family has been poisoned at Ofen (Buda), on the opposite side of the Danube to Pesth, by an escape of gas.

Yesterday we were guests in two Moorish harems. The inmates gave us a very kind reception. The gloomy appearance of the outer walls contrasted strongly with the inside of the houses.

The second harem belonged to a rich Moor. We saw there several clocks and mirrors, evidently a recent importation from Paris, but they looked out of place.

In the first harem I saw a widow with seven children, all girls. Two were playing cards and two were sewing.

The poor wives seemed glad to see us. They admired our dresses and called each other's attention to what took their fancy in the way of jewelry.

Leaders of fashion in Paris deserve the rare praise of having discovered—not, indeed, a new pleasure, but a new variety of an old one.

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A Canadian farmer, who recently lost a small pig, after long search found him drowned in the creek.

DUELING IN GERMANY.

An Interchange of Opinion on Various Phases of University Life.

A Berlin telegram to the London Times says: In connection with the debate on the estimates of the ministry of public works in the Prussian chamber of deputies there were some interesting interchanges of opinion on various phases of university life.

But it was on the subject of duelling that the conversation mainly turned, and it was not difficult to divine how the tacit sympathies of the great majority of the house tended. Even the remarks of Herr von Gossler, the minister of public worship, drew from Dr. Windthorst an expression of surprise that "while duelling had been made penal by law it was nevertheless defended in this place."

To this very practice Prince Bismarck once ascribed the prevalence of that combative and party spirit in parliament which had caused him so much woe—a spirit that men learned and brought away with them from the fencing ground; but in legislative quarters the practice is still countenanced as much as ever, and when the legal decision above referred to was issued, there was even a movement among the members of all factions, as Minister von Gossler reminded the house, for mitigating the effect of the judge's dictum.

The foundation of duelling is the feeling of honor, but the Germans have not yet come to see that the honor of a man can only suffer a taint by the actions of his own and not by the words or actions of another, or that the sure foundation of dishonor is not without, but within a man.

It is no wonder that they are so sensitive of criticism, (especially from France), and so quick to resent it.

"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a covenant between me and the earth." The sublime conception of the theologian exceeded that desire for exact knowledge which was characteristic of modern science.

New York is full of elegant homes, hardly excelled in the world. All our American cities abound in noble homes, but here, where wealth has been so bountiful, these homes are upon a scale hardly to be found in the world.

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A fool may have his coat embroidered, but it will always be a fool's coat.