

FOR THE FARMER.

CIVIL WAR ON AN ISLAND.

Bones on the Farm.

A solution of potash will reduce bone to a soft condition, and make it available for plant food. Most farmers still use wood for fuel...

Woods and Other Sources of Potash.

Wood ashes vary greatly in the amount of potash they contain, according to the variety of wood of which they are made. The most valuable are those made of oak, and the least those made of the conifers, or resin-trees.

As soon as tea is over, the guest rises to go, and then the following dialogue invariably takes place: "Why are you in such a hurry?" says the hostess.

A Variation of the Usual Frog Story

A wagon of the Talmage Lake Ice Company delivered a large cake of ice to Mr. Laying. A stranger applied to the piece...

The Calamity that Threatens the Inhabitants of Maimoun.

In Maimoun, the residence of the Sultan of Sulu, there lives not a single European. A small number of Chinese once settled there...

The Prince had brought his mother's letter, which he delivered to the captain. Its contents, translated from the native language, ran thus: "This letter comes from the widow, thy daughter, to her father his Majesty the German Emperor, Wilhelm I."

Siberian Hospitality.

Even hospitality, that true Slavonic virtue, has not become acclimatized in this inhospitable region. The peasants like to visit and treat each other, especially on high days and holidays; but this hospitality is the result of calculation.

A White Rainbow.

In the midst of a shower of mingled hail and rain, about 9 1/2 o'clock yesterday morning, there was visible for a minute or two a segment of rainbow that lacked the usual prismatic colors.

Prince Bismarck's Morning Beer Party.

Prince Bismarck gave his Parliamentary "Fruehsoppen," or morning party, recently at the Palace in the Wilhelmstrasse, Berlin. This year the affair was to some extent marred by unfavorable weather...

One of the Prince's guests questioned him as to the brewing of the excellent beer he was drinking, and was told that it was Franciscan brew from Munich, and a gift to him from Count Holstein.

The Bank of England.

The second function of the Bank is the management of the national debt, by which it relieves the government of all the clerical details attending the purchase and transfer of stock and the payment of dividends.

A Sad Case.

A case which lately came before a French court illustrates how cruelly small are the official salaries in France, which, it must be remembered, is no longer a cheap country.

Reading Aloud.

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HINTS FOR HOT WEATHER.

Don't shake the hearth's nest to see if any of the family are at home. Don't go near a draught. If a draught comes towards you, run away.

A Parisian Bird Charmer's Singular Powers.

Paris has found a new sensation in a bird charmer, who has been astonishing the boulevardiers with his powers. A bet was made between him and M. Loizy, a gentleman who was rather skeptical in such matters.

The Left Side the Better.

The left side of the face is the right; statistics prove the paradox. Artists always put the best touches, finest shading, and most delicate tints on the left side of the profile.

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The Inevitable Deer.

An English clergyman, the Rev. R. S. Hawker, had, among his other pets, a pair of stags, which he named Robin Hood and Maid Marian. One day, a brother clergyman, Mr. Knight, while walking in the grounds where the deer were kept, approached too near Robin Hood.

Why Men Fail.

Few men come up to their highest measure of success. Some fail through timidity, or lack of nerve. They are unwilling to take the risks incident to life, and fall through fear of venturing on ordinary duties.

One Egg for Ten People.

One ostrich egg for ten guests is the pattern at the California ostrich farm. "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten," said Dwight Whiting, counting the guests he had invited to spend the day at the ostrich farm with him.

Few Rich Men in California.

The majority of people in this State are not rich. There was a time when the glamour of wealth seemed to be over all the state. There is not so many rich people in California to day in proportion to the population as there are in each one of the older States of the Union.

The Bursting Force of a Boiler.

Few people conceive how powerful is the force imprisoned in the interior of a steam boiler when in active operation. The steam gauge shows a pressure of perhaps 100 pounds per square inch, and the uninitiated spectator who works or walks carelessly beside the apparatus, may imagine that 100 pounds represents the force with which its fragments would be propelled in case of an explosion.