Gleanings.

No kitchen should be without scales to test the integrity of things purchased by weight, and to measure the quantity of various recipes.

Finish digging the early potatoes before rains Jause them to sprout. Keep the later kinds free from weeds, either by running a na row cultivator through the rows, or by hand pulling.

When the pastures begin to fall off, some extra food should be provided for all the stock but especially the cows. Horses are always well cared for, but the cows are too often neglected, both as to food and a supply of pure w ter.

should be cut in good season. As it shells easily, cut with the dew upon it, let it cure in small loose bunches, and draw it to the barn when slightly moist.

It is not easy to reduce straw to the state of minure excepting by feeding it or by using it as litter, which becomes mixed with the excrements and then quickly decomposes under the stimulus of the action of the moist mass.

The National Farmer says: "Half a pint of sunflower seeds given to a horse with his other food each morning and night will keep him is better health and better spirits than he will be in without it, while his hair will be brighter.

In Walla Walla valley (Oregon) may be seen eighty miles of continuous wheat fields along the to t-hills of the Blue Mountains. The farmers continue to grow wheat, though they have to pay 30 cents per hundred pounds to get it to market.

A little charcoal fed two or three times a week to the pigs is beneficial in correcting acidity of the stomach, to which hogs are liable when fed upon corn and confided in a pen. They will eat it greedily and fatten much more readily with charcoal than with-

The old canes of raspberry bushes should not be allo xed to remain a single day after the crop is off. Cat them down close to the root, and burn them along with other rubbish. Taey are not orn ment I and only take the substance from the young canes which will bear next year.

"How do you sweeten your butter tubs. or woodenw re of any kind?" we recently inquired of a former's wife. "Steep up some clover hay or sweet fern and put in the tubs when hot," was the reply. This is worth knowing; and we give it for the benefit of those who find trouble in "sweetening" varous utensils used in the dairy.

One of the largest fruit farms in the world is situated in the southern part of Florida. and is owned by E. A. Osborn, of Middleton, N. Y. It comprises 2 500 acres, and is covered with over 200 000 coc anut trees. So far the undertaking has cost over \$100, 000. As the cocoanut only thrives south of the frost line and rear the coast, the owner of this farm has a practical monopoly of that trade in Florida.

The Creamery says that if two pats of butter be taken, and the one thoroughly washed in weak brine, so that it will not color the w ter, and then work it over and expel the surplus moisture, and take another lump from the same churning, and work it over without washing, but salt it at the rate of an ounce to the pound, and set them away, the saited butter will be the first to get | "How old is the child?" "Four days old."

In the winter of 1883-4, I had some nice yearling steers that I divided into two lots. and wintered one lot in the stable, and the Barnyard where they had the protection of a good straw-strck. They were fed hay or bright fodder every day, and a little grain morning and night, both lots being fed alike. In the spring the lot s'abled had gained 115 pounds p r head; the ot wintered at the straw stack had lost 10 pounds e ch.

## Cultivation of Oats.

Oats are capable of receiving wonderful per acre. By selecting the seeds with great care every season and by giving the ccop clean and rich cultivation, 75 or 80 bushels of clean grain might be raised per acre by good management just as easily as forty by the common system of cultivation. Although o ts absorb coarser materials from the son than wheat or birley, there is no other kind of gran that will return a better compensation in an increased amount of grain per acre, in consequence of the soil being manured than oats. Oats flourish best waen the soil is un fer the highest state of cultivation. A farmer may raise as many bushels of outs per acre as he reasonably desires, provided he will manure and cultivate the soil as well as it ought to be cultivated. The most satisfactory way of applying barn yard manure to any soil for the purpose of incr asing its productiveness, when oats are the principal grain to be raised, is to spread and plow it under in late autumn rather than in the spring of the year. In most cases oats are allowed to stand too long before they are cut. Most farmers let the oats stand till there is not a green head in the field. But as soon as the chaff on about one half of the heads has assumed a yellowish hue, then the oats should be cut. There may be a few heads that will not be out of the milk at that stage of their growth, but if they are allowed to shelling off the early and dead ripe oats than there will be in the shrinkage of those heads that are in the milk when the straw is cut. Early cut oats are heavier per bushel, fairer to the eyes and will sell for more money in the market.

# Salt in the Ration for Poultry.

There is a prevalent notion that salt causes the feathers of fowls, or perhaps of the feathered tribes in general, to fall out. This, we believe, is well founded. Certainly, excess of this condiment should be avoid There appears to be some connection adding sait to their food, and a small quanto there at moulting time. effect may be simply the of moulting, would be the

same. Salt is a very important ingredient in the ration of pigeons, and where these birds are confined without it, they are never so thrifty. It is natural then, to conclude, that it is valuable in the food of other birds, and especially for barn door fowls. The earlier old fowls are out of their moult and in full plumage, the sooner will they begin to lay, in the autumn. Pullets usually pegin to lay as soon as they are completely plumed as adult fowls. It is worth while, therefore, to encourage moulting in every way, giving them exercise, insect food, or fish in their ration, with ground bone, ground oyster shell, and sound grain. tablespoonful of fine salt in the soft fee t. given daily to a flook of twenty hens, will be a fair allowance. Fowls do not depend upon this for the salt which their bodies and feathers contain, for either the material Buckwheat is easily injured by frost, and | itself, or the elements of which it is composed, exist to a greater or less extent in almost all the food they eat and the water they drink; and what we do by giving them salt is simply to increase the supply.

#### GARNERED WITTIOISMS.

"All I want is a single heart," writes poetess. Probably she is trying to fill a bob-tail flush.

Bathing is more popular in Russia than at some of the seaside resorts in this country, because the czar made all the serfs free.'

A Down-East fire company, in a resolution on a deceased member say: "He has responded to his last alarm." It's a wonder they didn't add that "he has gone to his last fire.

"I hef prought mine schmall pox mit me," sald a German lodger to the landlady. "Oh, you wretch !" she screamed. "And me here with four little innocent children that ain't vaccinated."

"And how does Charlie like going to flourishes. school?" kindly inquired a good man of a 6 year-old boy "I like goin' well enough, ' replied the embryo statesman, ingenuously; "but I don't like stayin' after I get there."

A pug dog has been taught to sing, and play on the piano. This is a move to the right direction. Now if some one will only teach one of these worthless brutes to sing "Sweet Violets" to a guitar accompaniment we may hope to see the entire breed exterminated at any moment.

A Bank Holiday-" Well, Jarvis, you've beaten your wife, you've had your own head broken, and your eyes blacked, and your front teeth knocked out, and you spent the night in a police cell!' "Well, Sir John, it's a poor 'art as never rejoices!"

Perkins—"Snifkin failed? Well? I had a narrow escape yesterday. He tried to borrow \$10 from me." Ponsonby-"You didn't lend it to him?" "No, indeed. I suspected there was something wrong and—and—' Well?" "The fact is I didn't have the

A negro boy, while walking along the street, took off his hat and struck at a wasp that had alighted on a tall shrub hanging over a fence. The boy put on his hat, turned to a man, and said: "I thought I got dat ar ole wass." "Didn't you get him ?" "No, sah; but I—"he snatched off his hat, clapped his hand on the top of his head. squatted, howled, and said: "Blame fi didn' git dat ole wass."

A government c'erk applied to the head department for leave of absence in order to attend the christening his of voungest boy. "Very good," said the chief; "but two weeks ago I gave you leave of absence to bury your wife. What have you to say? For a moment the subordinate was dumb then putting a bold face on he said: "I beg your pardon; my little boy is a posthumus

get him a lottery ticket "If I make a lucky choice, we shall go halves," said the friend, smiling. "All right," said the other. | twilight comes on, and with these questions The day of the drawing came; Harpagon won a clock worth at least 500 francs. "Ah! poor old chap," he said mornfully to his friend; "if I had won wine or money, or two improvements, both in quality and quantity | different articles, we might go halves; but a clock-I really don't know how to settle with you!' After a pause: "I have it! You shall come now and again to see the time !"

## Too Late.

A story is told as authentic of a young man in the Highlands of Scotland who be-.came a drunkard, a gambler, and in the expressive Scotch phrase, "a ne er-do-weel." His father owned a small farm which had been in the family for two hundred years. But to save Jock from the consequences of his misdoing. he was obliged to mortgage it, far beyond the possibility of redemption.

The old man sank under the disgrace and misery, and died, leaving his wife, two or three children, and worthless Jock. But the shock of his death brought the boy to his senses. He forswore cards and whiskey. came home, and turned into hard work. He toiled steadily for years. At last his mother was "struck with death."

Jock, now a middle-aged man, grizzled farmer, stern and grave, was sent for in haste. He stood in siles ce by her death-bed a moment, and then broke forth, -

"Mither ! mither ! gin ye see feyther there, tell him the farm's our own agen. An' it's a' recht wi' me !"

The story reminds us of Dector Johnson, stand longer, more loss will be sustained in who came when he was an old man of seven- in dust. ty to stand in the market-place of Uttoxeter. his grey head bare to the pelting rain, in bitter remembrance of some act of disobedience to his father on that spot when he was a boy.

But of what avail are these tears or acts of atonement when the old father or mother whom we have hurt and slighted so cruelly is dead ? Do they see ? Do they forgive ?

"It is only," said a mother lately, "since my own children speak to me with rudeness and comtempt that I understand how great the debt was which I owed my own mother. and how poorly I paid it."

Many a gay girl who reads these words, who treats her mother as a member of the family who does the work of a servant without a servant's wages, or a lad who flings about the money which his old father is fest spending his feeble life to earn, will waken some day to utter remorse in an exceeding the old feathers. The result, bitter cry; to which, also, there can come

# THE OLD-FASHIONED LETTER.

One friend have I, a most valued correses pondent, who always writes his letters on next month, by order of the court. Who plain, closely-ruled tooscap.

No convenient letterheads for him, with down the page-a yawning chasm that must needs be bridged over with a certain day and one of the twelve months, flanked on the one side with humble Smithville in type, and upon the other with 188, an unfinished monument waiting its capstone, one of the units.

No mean device of letterhead so placed that only two thirds of the first page can be written upon; no thin, tissue like paper to confine the pan to that one page, leaving the whole of one side, and two-thirds of the other, blank as a shallow write:'s head and vacant as his heart.

In none of these sham devices, none of these cheats, none of these means for deceiving, does my friend indulge.

Neither does he begin his letter by formally addressing me as "Mr. Scandso," of Suchandauch a place, before warming up enough to write " Dear Sir."

But he t kes a plain, large, generous sheet of foolscap, and, preparatory to filling closely its many compact lines, writes, near the upper right hand corner, in an honest, painstaking way, the name of his residence and the date of writing; next passing to the opposite corner, but a little lower on the page, he addresses me, and there is no mistaking who he means, for he writes " My Dear Spandso," and at once begins one of the brightest, kindliest, most sensible letters that ever amused the fancy, satisfied the heart, or enlightened the understanding.

My friend is not a fine pensman-indeed, is rather a poor one—but writes a plain, legible hand, and never scatters his words half across the page with worse than useless

Neither does he now and then skip three or four lines, just as if he thought nothing of me, had little to say, and took this manner of letting me ) now it.

Truly, he duly spaces off his words, phrases, and sentences, and properly separates his paragraphs; but all this is done in such an honest, homely way that the form-the substance of the letter-somehow blends harmoniously with the thought -its spirit-into a perfect whole; indeed, into an old-fashioned letter, that feeds the mind and makes glad the heart.

Such a com nunication as this one is compelled to read over and over again, feeling an interest in the formation of every letter, in the use of every word, in the construction of each phrase and sentence, for into each of these one knows his friend has, so to speak, breathed the breath of life. But apart from its own charms and in-

trinsic merit, this old-fashioned letter, through the mists of long, long years, brings up the memory of a winter afternoon, when a little boy is told to "keep quiet for father's writing to Uncle William.

For pen, the father had a quill from the wing of a goose, which, wi'h "pen" knife, had just been trimmed and cut into desired

For ink, he used that which the mother had made by boiling oak bark in a solution of copperas. For letter paper, he had old-style foolscap.

For blotter, there was the great wood fire, before which the writer every now and then held the newly-written sheet to dry.

The sun was getting low, and the father moved his table near the west window. meantime ordering the restless boy to sit | and rapidly increasing demand for it has down and keep still

In front of the fire, at the edge of the hearth, in a straigh-backed "split" bottomed chair, his feet resting upon one of its rounds, sits the boy, who thinks it strange that other people write letters and that little boys have to be so quiet. He wor der's Harpagon had commissioned a friend to at last, if he will ever grow big enough to write and mean enough to tyrannize over little boys. Meanwhile the sun goes down, in his mind he looks, and some way hopes for answer, in the ruddy, glowing face of the great wood fire.

> A face for the most part cheerful, yet changeful; at times veiled, for a moment, in smoke, at others crossed by dark lines, as if about putting on a frown, but in an instint these are chased away by a warm, cheery glow from within that makes the bright eye of flume wink kindly and trustingly at the boy.

Back into these sparkling eyes the boy looked instantly, and at last confidingly, till he saw pictured in their depths a little boy like kimself; but in a moment the fiery eyes | the Toronto Soap Co. enapped, and in them he next saw a man large and strong, wearing a big hat and long coat; again the glowing eyes sp rkle, and the man seems to be beside a table, with one arm resting upon it as if writing, while about him are little boys and girls. Once more the eyes of ember kindle, but with only a glimmer now, and the table has vanished, all but one leg, which has turned to a cane in the man's hand, upon which he seems to lean, and the children are now men and women; another wink from the dim flame-ah! the fore stick breaks, and the men and women go out in a puff of smoke, while the man and his cane drop into ashes.

Only a fire picture, a creature of fancy, a thing of a moment that vanished in smoka and ashes. But so have gone, later, many hopes and plans of him who pens these lines. Ah, more! the father who wrote, the

uncle who read, and the roof which sheltered the fire have all mouldered and crumbled

The fire and its pictures melted to ashes, plans and hopes vanished in air, house and people crumbled to dust-all lost, save in memory, what was real as truly as what was fancied. "Some twenty years ago," said the mild-

faced stranger "my wife, while sewing, suddenly missed her needle. She saw nothing more of it, and soon forgot her loss till last week, when --- "When she suddenly felt a pricking sensation in her right foot," suggested Boodle. "When the point of the needle showed itself between her shoulder blades," guessed Coodle. "When the needle was seen protruding from her youngest daughter's left forefinger," intimated Doodle. "No," said the mild-faced stranger; "you are all wrong. She found it in a crack in the floor. It had been there all those years. Singular wasn't it?' There was a common desire to welter in the blood of the mildfaced stranger; but with difficulty Boodle, Coodle and Doodle restrained themselves,

### HERE AND THERE.

The Great Eastern will be sold by auction will buy?

A Wyoming Territory "Glee Club" has lynched six men for horse stealing this year. a) far, without interfering with its musical pursuits.

"When I was young," said a boastful dame to Lord Houghton, "half the young men in London were at my feet." "Realy? Chiropodists, eh?" was the rejoinder.

Eaton Hall, the magnificent mansion which the Duke of Westminister has rebuilt for himtelf on the banks of Dee, four miles from Chester, has just been opened to the public.

South Australia is passing through an unexampled period of depress oh. During the first six months of this year only 3,894 people went to the colony, as compared with 8 571 who left it.

A covict employed on a railroad in Abbeville county, S. C., lately escaped from the guard, but subsequently reported at the penitentiary, and explained that he ha! been worked to hard on the road. The process of famigation forced upon

travellers by some Spanish towns in consequence of the cholera is revere that some people have to be carried off on stretchers. and one woman, who begged hard to be let off, died from the effects. A club of 4,800 members, in Berlin, re-

cently advertised for six medical officers to attend them at a salery of \$375 per annum each. This would make the contributers from each member of the club about 75 cents a year for medical attendence. More than 400 doctors applied for the places.

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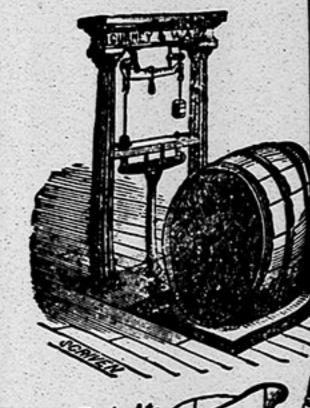
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HEALTH.

Science and Alcohol

years ago, at the request of the Edi obey of Arts, Dr. B. W. Richardso delivered before that body s on alchohol, presenting the resul stracted scientific investigation of the Among the facts thus scientifical shed were the following:

lohohol, instead of raising, lowers th sture of the body After a drunke it has sometimes taken three days the natural warmth, under the mo thle circumstances. Even moderat re are peculiarly exposed to dangerou

lchohol is not, in any proper sense, The development of fat from its us aly due to structural degeneration ichohol accelerates the action of th

from one hundred thousand beats say, one hundred and twenty-fiv nd, followed by a proportionate weak that necessitates, successively, addi draughts. Hence the heart become ed and its valves disordered; and th sed flow of blood to is, is rendered fo ne more active, and is succeeded by feebleness, which demands a repeti the stimulus.

The whole internal cavity of the body organs, every bone and joint, the and spinal cord, are wrapped in mem through which as filters, everything pass for the sustenance of the respec These membranes must be jus enough, and be kept perfectly supple alchohol causes them to thicken and and thus effects a general deteriora the organic structures. mong the effects of this deter oration. e who drink moderately, are various

lgic pains, the worst form of indiges and wakefulness. At a later stage of drunkeness, not a organ in the body escapes disorganiof its vital structure, although hereother conditions may cause a seem

ncentration of disease on some partiorgan, - the liver, the kidneys, the the heart, the brain or spinal cord. If this agent do really for the mement the weary and impart a flush of tranpleasure to the unwearied who crave nirth, its influence—doubtful even in modest and moderate degrees-is an esimal advantage, by the side of an ty of evil for which there is no comtion and no human cure. above are the teachings of science.

Ill add the teaching of actual obser-Sir Andrew Clark one of the most nt medical authorities in Great Brisays that in seven out of ten of his hospatients the disease was caused by and in three others was aggravated by He had some times thought of giving up ractice and going about the country in

and live five or seven years more, urden of fat will be doubled, and the nating tailor will be still congratulatou. Meantime you are "running the of life'-a figure of speech less approto you at the present moment, than merly was—handicapped by a weight makes active movement difficult, upascents troublesome, respiration thick

tone man in fifty lives to a good old this condition. The typical man of y or ninety years, still retaining a reableamount of energy of body and mind, and spare, and lives on slender ra-

y and healthily, being opposed by the ering fat around. And this is because continue to eat and drink as you did, or more luxuriously than you did, when h and activity disposed of that moiety od was consumed over and above what body required for sustenance. ach is the import of that balance of unended ailment which your tailor and

r foolish friends admire, and the graddisappearance of which, should you rer your senses and diminish it, they will deplore, half frightening you back to rold habits again by saying : You are growing thin; what can be the with you?"

hene and mischievous delusion.

About Spices

ger is the root of a shrub first known Asis, and now cultivated in the West and Sierra Leone. The stem grows or four feet high, and dies every year. re are two varieties of ginger—the white black-caused by taking more or less in selecting and preparing the roots, not are always dug in Winter, when the are withered. The white is the best. Comamon is the inner bark of a beautiful native of Ceylon, that grows from

to thirty feet in height and lives to native to the Molucca Islands called from resemblance to a nai East Indians call then tek," from the Chinese " techeng regrant nails). They grow on a Cloves are not fruits, but blossoms before they are quite unfolded. a flavor of several spices-grows of South America and the West In

A single tree has been known to pro pounds of berries. They are purple pepper is made by grinding the by of a climbing vine native to the dies. White pepper is obtained from berries, freed from their husk of Led or cayenne pepper is obtained by the scarlet pod or seed vessel of plant that is now cultivated in al

> the kernel of a small, smooth direct that grows on a tree in th and other parts of the East ce bearing in the sevent fruitful until they ar years old. Around the a bright brown shell sort scarlet covering, which sed out and dried, is known a of continuences are solid, and emi ked with a pin.