

THE FARM.

Timely and Practical.

THE ADVANCE IN WOOL.—An authority... there seems no doubt that the advance... price of goods is active, and manufac...

FEEDING THE FOWLS.—Keep the fowls... this season, says an experienced... fancier. If you expect to get eggs...

KEEPING SEED.—As the season for feed... is again at hand, it is in order to... readers that there is great advan...

KEEP FENCES IN REPAIR.—Some one... the timely remark that fences should... be allowed to get out of repair in t...

SALT AND WATER FOR SHEEP.—According... to a London agricultural journal, Mr. Rus... of Hoxton, England, provides salt as...

BARB WIRE FENCES.—The farmers in con... tention assembled recently made a complaint... about the use of barb wire for fences...

EAT PROOF CRIBS.—As a matter of econ... omy and good management, says the Rural... Engineer, be sure to have a rat-proof...

THE GAGES.—It is asserted that every... species of bird, large and small is subject to... gages. The young of the robin are...

REPAIR IN AN ANIMAL'S EYE.—Prof. Low... the best method of removing chaff from... the eye of an animal is to pick it off with...

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TURKEYS.—A California... farmer recommends charcoal for fattening... turkeys, and says that it should be pulver...

HERE AND THERE.

A great deal of land around Winchester, England, may be leased for 25 cents an acre.

A naturalist, who has just returned from Spain, says that the natives keep locusts in cages for the sake of their "music."

The Countess De Rochefoucauld and the Countess de Bethune appear on the real estate assessment rolls in New Orleans for over \$100,000.

There are between 300,000 and 400,000 cyclists in England, and the ancient city of Coventry is the chief seat of the cycle-making industry.

The Sultan is as devoted to Wagner as the King of Bavaria. Much of his time is passed at the piano, and two of his sons are accomplished musicians.

The other day there died at Turin Padre Giacomo, the confessor of Count Cavour. It was to Padre Giacomo that Cavour addressed his dying words, "Father, a free Church in a free State."

Holloway jail seems to suit Mrs. Weldon, the eminent London litigant, far better than it suited Mr. Yates. There she has remained all summer without making any plaint to the world without.

Since 1852 \$373,000,000 has been laid out in rebuilding and embellishing Paris. The new Town Hall cost about \$60,000,000, and \$40,000,000 has been spent on the four parks—the Bois de Boulogne, Bois de Vincennes, Pâtes Monceaux and Montsouris.

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HOW PATIENTS ARE TREATED.

Terrible Revelations of one of the Sufferers in St. Roch's Hospital.

Facts concerning the treatment and experience of the patients in St. Roch's hospital, Montreal, which have just come to light, are revolting in the extreme. Mrs. Borland, the daughter-in-law of the Rev. John Borland, well known in this city, who entered the hospital on Sept. 29 last, says when she was sent to the hospital she was placed on a bed in which was one sheet to lie on and then a ragged, dirty blanket for a covering. For the first few days she suffered from the cold owing to the window just above her head being partially open and a too scanty supply of clothing. While she was still suffering from cold, as were several others, a man of the hospital was applied to for additional covering, when he brought up several ragged blankets, which he distributed, saying as he did so not to let the nuns know, or "they would play hell with him."

Dr. Nolin gave no medical attendance, simply looking at the cards over the beds in the morning, dropping here and there an occasional remark, and thus passing along and out. Mrs. Borland and Mrs. Hopkins, who were both patients, declared that Dr. Nolin gave them no professional attention until in Mrs. Borland's case she asked for some aperient medicine, when he gave a dose of what he called mineral water, the effect of which for four days was that the most painful diarrhoea was experienced, which was followed for five consecutive days by hemorrhage, which was so profuse as to run through the bed on to the floor of the ward. Dr. Nolin then gave her a powder, which, while it stopped the hemorrhage, nevertheless gave her a pain in her side which she experienced to the present day. There was no attendance given by the regular nurses, that being principally done by convalescent patients. Cries of the patients for a glass of water were heartrending, to be met by the response: "Shut up, you." The stench of the place was most revolting, and anything in the way of deodorizing or disinfecting was never thought of. The heartlessness, they said, with which patients are treated in the St. Roch's hospital was remarkable. In the case of a Miss Norris, to relieve a choking sensation, application was made to Dr. Nolin. After much entreaty he made his appearance and gave her some relief. This was about 10 o'clock at night, and nothing more was done or attempted. The following day she was removed to the black smallpox ward, and without any further attention was allowed to die a couple of days afterwards. No attention was paid to anybody the moment they entered the black smallpox ward, and the cries that came from that awful place were heartrending. After the first night of Mrs. Borland's stay in the hospital a poor woman after her death was rolled out of the bed on which she had died and allowed to fall like a log of wood on the floor. The first evening Mrs. Borland spent in the hospital a woman, who had been a cook of the Rev. Mr. Wood, died under terrible circumstances. For hours previous to her death, and as long as she could speak even in a whisper, she cried, "For God's sake give me water," but the only attention given her was to tell her to shut up. She died during the night. Previous to her death she writhed in her agony and fell out of bed. Two men were called, who lifted, and throwing her into bed, said: "Now sit on her and keep her down." When dead a sheet was placed on the floor and she was rolled on to it like a log. Then they pinned up the sheet around her and two men dragged her down stairs. Her body thumping on the stairs could be heard in the ward. On throwing the corpse of this woman down off her bed her bowels burst open and the contents were spilled all over the floor, which were allowed to remain there for several days, the stench being abominable. A number of similar cases could be given. There was only one nun to four wards and with eight in each ward, the patients could not be attended to. The food was often not fit to eat.

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OVER THE OCEAN.

Ozone baths are a specialty at Eastbourne, England. The bath is filled with long, green seaweed, steeped for an hour before use in boiling water. The bather remains in about twenty minutes, and the bath is thought very invigorating.

A Scotchman is suffering from a painful disease of the hand and wrist, brought on by the pressure against the palm of a round-knobbed cane. The surgeons say that the thing to carry is a stick with a plain, smooth, cylindrical handle.

The proprietors of London restaurants and hotels are taking to music. At the Holborn restaurant sweet music has been discoursed during dinner hours for some time past, and quite a number of hotels and restaurants have now applied for a license.

The London police have received orders not to take into custody a person about to commit suicide, but to apply for a warrant to apprehend him on a charge of misdemeanor. The medical journals call this "locking up the stable after the horse is stolen."

It seems almost useless to warn people not to take overdoses of opium and its alkaloids. An English clergyman, who had been accustomed to take morphia pills for sleeplessness, continued the habit against his physician's express instructions, and one night took a number of them equal to a grain and a half of the drug. He went to sleep and never awoke.

Asia possesses the most powerfully equipped hornets. The Indian Medical Gazette tells of a man who was bitten on the neck by one of them. Within ten minutes he became cold, pulseless, and unconscious. He was a robust man, but the use of active remedies only brought him to after a couple of hours. The hornet was of medium size, bright yellow and striped with black.

The immense gun constructed at Elswick for the British government has a total weight of 200 tons, being considerably in excess of previous undertakings. Its length is stated at some forty-four feet, though with an extreme diameter at the breech of but five feet six inches, a very elongated chase or barrel tapering down to twenty-eight inches, with a slight swelling at the muzzle.

A curious public house is among the latest attractions in Paris. It is called La Terrasse du Bagne. The walls are hung with paintings representing the horrors of convict life, interspersed with portraits of notorious Communists. All the waiters are dressed in convict uniform, and wear the chains and boules of the regular forca. The landlord is Citoyen Maxime Libonne, one of the leaders of the insurrection of 1871.

Sir James Paget has been tracing the course in life of one thousand medical students, taken at random from an English institute. He found that 23 out of the 1,000 achieved distinguished success; 66 ad considerable success; 507 made a living; 124 had a very limited success, not having made a fair practice within 15 years after graduation, and 56 failed utterly. Nearly 10 per cent. (96) of the whole number left the profession after beginning either study or practice; 87 died after entering practice, and 41 died when students.

The merry little mosquito has arrived in Dublin. The interesting tourist who on his side had already turned up in London, is evidently with the notion of staying. He is reported at opposite outlooks. Ever since the memorial day, some seven years since, when the first intruder of his race layd an Irish M. P. in Piccadilly, the bloodthirsty insect has not only lurked around London, but has considerably increased and multiplied, though it is doubted whether he will ever prove formidable. His development there promises to form a curious chapter of natural history.

In about the centre of the island of Trinidad, a dot in the Caribbean sea, just off the coast of Venezuela, there is an asphalt lake. It is said to cover about 100 acres, and is apparently inexhaustible. It is a black and substance and is believed to be crude rotten petroleum. A singular feature of the substance is that, although about 30,000 tons are taken out of this lake annually, it constantly fills up so there is no lessening of the supply. This singular lake of paving material is owned by the Venezuelan government, but is leased to a company in Washington.

The special correspondent of the London Times says of the Italian army: The Italian soldier always seems contented, cheerful, and willing, while, as to his conduct, it is remarkably good. I have not, during the more than a fortnight I have been living in the midst of the troops, seen or heard of a single drunken soldier, nor have I been told of misconduct of any sort. The Italian, indeed, as was proved by Napoleon, makes a good soldier, though he is not quite so military in his style, bearing and talk as the Frenchman; and the army has been a great civilizer of the more uncouth portions of the population, as well as a great fuser of the different races which inhabit the peninsula and the islands.

The imperial meeting at Krenstier, which lasted twenty hours, cost the Austrian Court Treasury upwards of \$300,000. It is a proof of the morbid state of terror and apprehension in which the Czar exists that, on arriving at Krenstier, he refused to occupy the splendidly furnished apartments which had been prepared for him, and installed himself in a couple of rooms at the other end of the palace, which had been destined for some other members of the suite. There must have been frightful waste, or else the whole company must have indulged in a great orgie, for 1,000 bottles of Rhine Cabinet wines, 3,000 of champagne, 2,500 of claret, 300 of liqueurs, and 300 of brandy were consumed by 800 persons at two meals.

One morning twenty-nine years ago, the body of Mr. John Sallier, a celebrated Irish financier and speculator was found lying stark and cold near Jackstraw Castle, on the Hampstead Heath and near it the little vial containing prussic acid with which it

FALL FOLLIES.

Note shavers use soft soap entirely. Music of the spheres—The grindstone. An accessory before the act—The orchestra.

A lie has no legs. Neither has a cheese. Some cheeses are living lies.

When the prisoner heard his sentence, he was visibly moved—by two policemen. Bronze is a very fashionable hue nowadays, but draw has not entirely gone out.

Society is a fraction whose numerator is clothes and whose denominator is cash.

They have patented an automatic milk-stool at last. Shuts up when the cow kicks.

Tombo will get a monument before Grant does. This is the advantage of being widely known.

"Mother Hubbardville" is the name of a new town in Georgia. It must be a loose place.

An exchange asks, "Why do people have poor teeth?" Probably because they can't afford to buy good ones.

A farmer wants to have his body burned; He has only to get upon his hayrack and light his pipe.

Maine's potato crop is said to be worth \$8,000,000 this year. Wheat heaps of back-ache there must be in that crop.

If the height of a fall bonnet was proportionate to its price the roofs of theaters would have to be raised.

The world may owe a man a living, but it is always best for him to go out and collect it by a little hard work.

Bridgeport has a church that has opera chairs instead of pews. The "dropcurtain" has not yet been painted.

Italy is now sending canned oysters to Canada. If it were not so mean we might retaliate by sending some organ-grinders to Italy.

An exchange heads one of its columns, "Men and Things." The women ought to rise in arms in indignation at being called by such a name.

Siberian cats are the newest agony in pets. A Siberian cat has a cold and searching voice, and is a valuable addition to the backyard orchestra.

A new novel just issued is said to have been written between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock in the morning. The evils of late hours seem to be accumulating.

Scientists are interested in the discovery that extreme cold converts tin into a semi-crystalline mass containing large cavities. Now when a man looks for "tin" in his pockets and finds only a large cavity he can attribute it to extreme cold—which inflates coal and plumbing bills.

"Hu-h, Johnny," admonished the mother as the scion of the family grew clamorous for something to eat. "You must remember that older people take precedence at the table." "Let 'em take precedence; I want some of the mufins," shouted Johnny.

"You are charged with kissing this young lady in the dark," said the judge to the prisoner, a good looking young man. "Merciful heavens," he gasped. "Is that the young lady?" "It is." "Then I plead not guilty, your honor." "Not guilty?" "Yes; and I desire to enter a plea of insanity."

Doctor—Have you, sir, tried the seashore? Invalid—Yes. I tried it once, but it's too hard work. Dressing and undressing is very tiresome. Doctor—I don't quite understand. Invalid—Well, you see, the doctor I had there said I must take a toddy after each bath. "Yes; but suppose he did?" "It kept me in bathing all the time."

Tae Soup.

A coachman suddenly raised to the post of waiter at a dinner party, when a sudden resignation had left the place vacant within an hour of the assembling of the guests, was delighted. The host was delighted to find that an old dress coat and vest would fit the coachman, and ten minutes was spent in acquainting the servant with the usages of polite society at a dinner. Among other things, the host told the coachman that he was on no account to ask any of the guests to be helped a second time to soup. The guests took their places at table, and the soup was quite credibly served. The coachman observed that one gentleman pushed his plate of soup away from him. The servant leaned over and drew the plate back again in front of the gentleman, who in turn pushed it from him again. This displeased the coachman. He thought he saw a breach of decorum in action. "Ate your soup, sorr!" said he, in trumpet tones, "yez'll get no more."

Grasshoppers are so numerous and large in Mexico that farmers go gunning for them. Enormous damage has been done to the crops, but the farmers have lots of fun.

One crank's hobby is to induce the wealthy residents of cities to open their spacious, ventilated homes during their own summer absence as lodgings for the poor. He argues that it is wicked in the millionaires to let thousands of innocent children die unnecessarily in tenements.

Three-fourths of the grazing land to the west of the Colorado river in Texas is eaten bare and about 100,000 cattle are without anything to feed on. They are kept out of New Mexico and Arizona by alleged quarantine restrictions. There is plenty of grass across the border and the Texas cowboys are getting ready to appeal to the rifle and the revolver.

The question as to the origin of the custom of sewing two buttons on the back of a gentleman's coat. Though those buttons have now outlived their usefulness, they must have been sewed on at first with a purpose. The two buttons are generally supposed to be a relic of the days when every gentleman wore a sword. The buttons were