No country was ever blessed by nature with mereproductive seil. She made the best possible use of the long ages prior to the settlement of this country by whites, in forcing the most luxuriant growth of vegetatien, and by its decay and that of the annual crop of foliage, had filled the soil w tran amount of fertility that seemed exhaustless. So thought our fathers, and so think many of the occupiers of the great fertile West. But a continual taking out and putting nothing back would exhaust even the ocean. It has exhausted the millions of acres of the older East, and it will exhaust the most fertile fields of the West. A study of the census must convince any searcher that the productions of all our crops is year by year growing less and less. It cannot be attributed to a change of seasons for a series of years, but can be only to one cause—the gradual exhaustion of plant food by our unthinking and unwise course.

This subject of husbandry the reso rees of our acres, and of returning to our starving fields those elements of plant growth quite or nearly exhausted, is yearly forcing itself more prominently upon the attention of the farmers of at least the eastern half of our country, and the line is very rapidly extending westward. Millions of acres that once produced magnificent crops of the various grains, even west of the great lakes, are now lying vacant, or barely paying for the most shiftless cultivation. This question cannot be seriously considered too soon, even by the farmers on the now rich and productive prairies west of the great rivers. Every train that passes eastward is loaded with a portion of their fertility, much of it in the erude and barely remunerative at te of bran, oil meal, and the coarser grains, and, to the shame of the farmers, even in the bones of their animals, while the returning trains earry back nothing in the nature of plant

Though Western farmers may think they have no need of such knowledge, they should not fail to thoroughly post themselves, andthose farmers who do so and who take advantage of this knowledge, will, by and by, be looked upon as the "lucky ones" who have the richest farms in the vicinity in which they live. Rural New Forker.

Notes.

Every animal on the farm should be tested-whether cattle, sheep, swine, or horses. The ordinary cow should have her merits known to the dairyman, and be should fam-Hiarize himself with her qualifications, not only as a milker, but as to the kird and quality of food best adapted for her purpeses, and the most profitable. A cow may give only twenty pounds of milk a day, and yet be an excellent animal if she can produce that amount at a low cost, while another cow in the same herdmay yield thirty pounds per day, and yet prove unprofitable compared with the other.

A fall planted tree has this great advantage, that the heavy rains have a tendency to carry the earth in and around the roots, while the low temperature following is unfavorable to any excessive evaporations from the branches. The only enemy to be feared is excessively cold and drying winds. In spring planting we not only have the difficulty of packing the earth well in among the roots, but have the possibility of heat and drought immediately following. Aside from these theoretical reasonings, the experience of the last few seasons has been favorable to the success of fall planting. As early as it can be done in the fall the better.

A peculiar kind of hard times has come upon the farmers and people of this country. If you inquire what product is so short as to cause distress, the answer will be that it is not scarcity of anything that causes the hard times—there is too much wheat, too much corn, too much grain of all kinds, too much hay, too much beef, pork, sugar; too much wool, cotton, iron, steel; too much of everything. We are in distress of too much, borne down with the sad burden of superabundance. We are uncertain what advice to give-even money is too plenty, and often can't be loaned at a low interest. We can't think of any better advice than to dry up our tears, put on a cheerful look, and ge to work vigorously with a full appetite, and eat our way through this abundance, and trust to time for success.

We observe that some writers on vegetable gardening speak of the difficulty of keeping succulent vegetables, like beets, turnips and parenips, from wilting when placed in cellars, and recommend packing them in sand, or burying them in the earth of the cellar bottom. This mode is necessarily cumbersome and inconvenient. An easier and more perfect way is to pack them in damp sawdust, placed in barrels of moderate size, or in boxes of not more than two feet in width. Place a layer of sawdust in the bottom, then a layer of the roots, then fill in all the interstices with another layer, and se on till the boxis full, leaving no crevices. We have taken beets out of such boxes after remaining in them a full year, so fresh in be seen between them and fresh roots. Nurserymen's moss is neater than sawdust where it can be had, and serves an excellent purpose for packing winter cabbage in large

More Humane Treatment of Horses.

Machinery is doing a vast amount of labor for man, but horses are not dispensed with, or the contrary their number is increasing in this country every year. Not only so, but their quality is improving, both for carriage and heavy work. No creature is so valuable a servant to man. He is often ill-treated, not so much from intention as from ignorance of what is right. Don't build the manger so high as to make it unnatural, and therefore painful, for the horse to eat from it. Remember a horse is a grasing animal, constructed to take food from the ground. When the head is down near to the surface of the earth, the swallowing Portland, Oregon, to San Francisco early muscles are in a position to do their work; but when the head is raised four or five feet and struck it with such force that the big high the muscles are restricted in their action. What is supposed to be gained by high mangers in the development of high became wedged in between the rod of the neck and shoulders is more than lost in the rudder and the vessel, and in that way the depressed back or "saddle back" of the horse in consequence of the unnatural elevation

of the head. The bottom of the feed-box manger should not be above the horse's knees, or, what is better, never more than one feet from the floor. The mangershould be two feet deep, measuring from the top, and about two feet four inches wide at the top. Make the feed-box at the bottom manger. Some claim that the floor of the stall should be level instead of descending from the manger toward the rear, and use more and better absorbents. In so doing you not only save the most valuable part of the fertilizing of the horse, but you remove the strain of standing with his hied feet lower than the forward ones. When at rest in the pasture the horse chooses to stand with his forward feet lower than his hind feet; this he does to throw the centre of gravity nearer the fore legs and shoulders, by which the projecting neck is balanced by the rear portion of the body. The horse wants clean food and drink. Nothing is clean where a hen goes. Hens should be kept awag from horses, not only from fouling their food, but from communicating lice. These parasites are difficult to remove from horses when once upon them. Don't work a horse all day upon the farm, and at night turn him out to pick up a scanty supper when he should be resting in the stable after eating. All that a horse requires for his services is rest, food and drink, and he is cruel who denies these. There is economy in keeping a working team in the stable at night, where it can be regularly fed, and is always ready for use. Don't crimp the allowance of suitable food. All a horse needs of hay and grain to keep in good condition, it is for the profit of his owner so supply.

PERSONAL.

Lady Dufferin is organizing sewing and relief societies among the women of India. Oscar Wilde has re-entered the lecture field with his hair cut and English trousers on his lower limbs.

In the wedding trousseau of the Princess Marie d'Orleans is a pearl necklace looted in the Chinese war by Gen. Palikaiao, valued at \$25,000.

Professor Pasteur has cured a boy of hydrophobia by inoculating him with attenuated virus sixty hours after he had been bitten fourteen times by a mad dog.

Mr. Spurgeon declares that he has been practicing vegetarianism for the past eight months, and is "not only living but lively." The abstinence is, however, believed to have

been compulsory. William K. Vanderbilt has not been to church for four years, and it is said that Jay Gould hasn't heard a sermon, for an even greater length of time. Both might change that record with benefit to themselves.

Mr. Samuel Rowlandson, who has been appointed to the bench in Yorkshire by the Marquis of Ripon, is said to be the first tenant farmer ever selected in England for such an honor.

George Augustus Sala records the statement that trees and shrubs in South Australia die from the top downward, in that reminding one of Dean Swift's prediction of his own end.

The Princess Victoria of Hoher zollern, granddaughter of Queen Victoria, is less likely than ever to marry Prince Alexander of Battenberg now that his Bulgarian throne looks decidedly shaky.

Labouchere says that Prince Frederick of Saxe-Altonberg will be the German and Austrian candidate for the Bulgarian throne in case of a vacancy. Bismarck won't hear of P. ince Waldemar of Denmark.

Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar have taken up their quarters at the Royal Hospital at Kilmainham, near Dublin. They doubtless expect a visit from the Invincibles and want to be near surgical help.

A Liverpool coffin maker, who had furnished a casket to a poor woman for her deceased husband, failing to get paid immediately, broke into the widow's house in her absence, threw the body out on the floor and drove away with the casket,

The Empress of Austria has had a hunting lodge built in the Lainger Wildpark near Vienna which took three years to complete and cost \$1.750,000. She has indefinitely postponed te return to the Irish hunting fields on account of the prevailing agi-

One of the Paris papers is responsible for the statement that the Prince of Wales smokes forty cigarettes a day, and that when in Austria lately he prevailed on the Princess Louise of Cobourg and Countees Esterhazy to join him in smoking at the dinner-

A Sioux Indian named Two Strike entered the office of the Valentine (Dak.) Blade the other day and assumed a warlike attitude. The editor got ready for an Indian outbreak, but was agreeably disappointed when Mr. Two Strike threw down a \$10 gold piece to pay for a year's subscription.

It is not generally known that John Russell Young is in descent related to Robert Burns the poet. To be more explicit, he is a greatgrandnephew of the Scotch bard. The Rev. John Russell, after whom Mr. Young was named, was a cousin of Burns and pastor of the Burns family, who were appearance that no external difference could | strict followers of the severest form of the covenanted faith.

> Madame Patti has a small, cold and wrinkled hand. Modjeska's hands are round, long, well formed. They are generally in repose. The hands of Clara Morris are long, slender, rather wiry and nervous. Her nails are pink and pretty, and the wrists are small and well turned. Mary Anderson has a cold hand that almost gives you a chill if touched. Margaret Mather's hands, like herself, are small, graceful, and effective in gesture. Gerster, Scalchi, Fursch-Madi, and Materna all have large and generous hands, hearty to clasp, and looking able for the work their ample bodies and brains re-

> Josh Billings, according to an acquaintsince, was the only man who wanted to thrash a compositor for correcting his bad spelling.

The steamer Oregon, on a voyage from this month, encountered an immense whale, vessel shook from stem to stern. In some unaccountable way the monster's head then whale was carried along with the steamer for several hours.

The first thing in a boot is the last. The telephone is conducted on sound prin-

shouldn's throw glances.

"Nervous Girl" wants to know how to cure tickling sensations about the face. Get him to shave off his mustache.

but she does,

"who sang the song and died." The name of the editor who killed him is not given.

Artemus Ward, when asked by telegraph on behalf of a lyceum committee, "What will you take for ten nights ?" replied, "Brandy and water." It looks paradoxical. The Parsees are

said to be rich and generous, yet there must | fer. be a great deal of Parsee money among Mrs Langtry has refused to pay her hus-

band's debts. If this is to be the rule hereafter, a certain class of men will refuse to marry popular actresses.

exercise:) "I perceive that this one was | wanted to. copied from outside helps. The man who handed it in will remain. 'A half dozen re-

The following is the reply given by one of

A fashion authority states that "low-

necked dresses will be dropped at the opera this season." The time is fast approaching when the opera will be no place for respectable people to frequent.

"I went to hear Archdeacon Farrar lecture on Dante," remarked the music teacher. "and I was greatly disappointed. He talked nearly two hours about Dante, and never said a word about his sister Ann."

Pearl Desmond writes a touching poem en titled, "A Broken Link," Well, the next time Pearl goes to market she will carry her sausages home in a basket, and not try to carry them by the handle or lead them with

"It appears to me," said Muldidheron, "that I can't go out nowadays without being insulted." "Wby, what's the latest?" inquired his friend. "The other day a young lady asked me for the loan of my face to start a crazy quilt."

Rum and honey is said to be one of the best cough medicines for a family. The wife can use her share of it—the honey while the husband, with his usual self-sacrificing devotion, gets away with the nasty

"Only one trouble with that preacher, said the brakeman, as the sermon closed after a slow run of an hour and a quarter and two laps. "What's that?" the switch man wanted to know. "Poor facilities, the brakeman replied.

An Eye to Economy-Young Husband "I believe I would like a nice turtle steak for dinner." Young wife (of a thrifty discaition): "I am afraid turtle steaks are ten a man.

rather expensive, dear. Wouldn't you be satisfied with a mock-turtle steak !"

Mr. Cable, the southern novelist, gives in his adhesion to woman soffrage by saying "If our mothers are not fit to vote, the ought to stop bearing sons." By this bril Widows who live in grass retirement liant logic, as our fathers don't bear some, they will be deprived of the right of voting

"Whew !" exclaimed Crimsonbeak, surprised on entering his alceping apartment to find his wife waiting for him the other morn-Mrs. Coyne has sued a man for damages ing at 2 o'clock, "these stairs almost take for breach of promise. He didn't want Coyne my breath away." "Well, I wish they hear about it quickly. would," replied his displeased wife, catch-A newspaper relates the story of a poet ing the odor of the club man's evening bev-

Among the Karenz, when a bridegroom an important factor in advertising. And reaches home his clothing is taken from him, lustration of the fact was afforded in Botton It would seem from this that woman, even recently. A young fellow newly out of in her uncivilized state, understands that Cambride, and without theatrical experience the only p aceful marriages are those where has been given a leading role in a company the wife affects the unmentionables, and she which is to star the country this season, for takes the earliest occasion to make the transto other reason than that he calls himself

A burglar who attempted to enter a house in Sacramento was caught fast in the window, and the woman armed herself with a potato masher, drew up a chair, and sat there and tapped his head for half an hour before calling the police. She said she had Freshmen professor (holding up a written | always just ached to pound a man all she

A Michigan girl told her lover that she could never think of marrying a man with less than \$10 000, and as he was worth. Bibulous Printer (to proof-reader)-"How suit of clothes less than nothing he went do you spell whisky? With an 'e'?" Proof- sadly away. That night his uncle died and reader - "No. Do you drink it with an 'e ?" left him \$5,000. The next day the dejected Bibulous Printer-"You bet, I drink it with lover got a letter. It read: "Dearest George, I'm willing to make it \$5,000."

Mr. D. L. Moody says about long prayers: our prominent scholars : Teacher-"What | "If when Peter found himself sinking in the are metamorphic rocks ?" Pupil- "Meta- waves of Galilee, he had insisted on putting get into danger, what a tumble ! morphic rocks are rocks containing meta- before his petition, 'Lord, save me,' the regular prayer meeting round-about introduction, he would have been forty feet under water before he could have asked of the Lord the help he needed."

> A Sunday-school scholar was asked, apropos of Solomon, who the great queen was of the leaders of the Sepoy mutineers, whom that travelled so many miles to see him The scholar-in fact, the whole schoollooked as if a little help would be liked, and the teacher therefore said : "The queen name began with an S." "I've got it, sir exclaimed the delighted scholar. who was it ?" "It was the queen of spades,

When Vestryman Green bowed his head to read the responses of the litany he was very drowsy indeed, and he had repeated "Lord have mercy upon us miserable sinners," but three times when he fell fast asleep. His wife nudged him with her parasol without success. When the minister reached, "And now, seventeenthly, my be loved brethren," Vestryman Green awoke, and being unconscious of the lapse of time responded in a senorous and fervent voice "Lord have mercy upon us miserable sin-

Advocates of beer as a healthy temperance drink should ponder the case of the St. Bernard dog reported from Alleghany City (Pa.) He is a magnificent animal, very sagacious, and until recently very docile and gentle Unfortunately he became addicted to beerguzzling, for which he has acquired an inordinate appetite, and his nature has altogether deteriorated under its influence. At a certain stage he becomes madly ferocious, and now his life is in jeopardy, having in one of his paroxysms of dranken fury severely bit-

MISCELLA NEOUS ITEMS

For ponderous cheek, joined to the stale thief, commend us to the Boston men vi built two houses side by side, lived ho himself and sold the other. Into the one h sold, he had put a furnace, close to the pr. tition wall, connecting to its hot air chamber flues leading to his own residence. In this way he heated himself at his neighbor's gr. pense for a whole winter before his little scheme was discovered. If anybody know of a meaner piece of knavery we want h

Anglomania, as it is called, is so prevalent in Boston, Newport and other America cities that theatrical managers regard it " Honourable Cecil P. Vivian, Glamis Castle N. B.," and says his father is a member of the House of Lords. It is thought his mere presence on the stage will be inducement enough to make the tuft-hunters part with their dollars.

There is something grotesque in a recent telegram to the effect that though the Dake of Connaught is auxious to return to ladi to something like the real life of a man in attendance upon his military duties, his mother is unwilling to let him because the fears the climate and the dangers of the present complications with Burmah. Sha would like him to stay quietly at home until he succeeds the Duke of Cambridge a Commander-in-Chief of the army. Poor. dear boy! From Edward the Black-Prince to the present scions of royalty, kept close to their mother's apron strings for fear they

A stern old soldier passed away when Lord Strathnairn died last week. He wa Field Marshal, and his full title wa Rt. Hon. Hugh Henry Rose, Baron Strath. nairn, G.C.B.G.C.S.I. He is remembered among other things for his severe treatment he caused to be blown from the mouths of cannon. He was undoubtedly one of the ablest and most brilliant soldiers who have figured in the British service since the days of Wellington. His rank of field marshalk held by only two other men in the British service who are not of Royal birth, viz , by Lord Napier, of Magdala, and Sir Patrick Grant. The others are the Duke of Cam. bridge, and the Prince of Wales.

A curious case of conflicting evidence wa broughtoutin a recent bigamy case in England The defendant, James Malcolm, was identified by various witnesses as the man who under the name of Macdonald, metayoung womanin Brighton, and married herafter a very brief wooing, having a wife living at the time, Various circumstances told heavily against him. For instance, Macdonald gave as an ercuse for his return to London every night that he was obliged to be on board his ship at four o'clock in the morning and Malcolm was a marketman whose duties began at the same early hour. This was only one of a number ofstriking coincidences. Nevertheless numerous persons were found to prove a complete alibi for Malcolm on the occasion when Macdonald was engaged in marrying the bride. As an outcome of the conflict of testimony, the jury disagreed and a new trial was ordered. The whole story commends itself to lovers of the mysterious. Miss Braddon at her best never tried to unravel a more our tradictory snarl of circumstances.

" Beautiful as Zion for situation invel-like within the bosom of a lo ley where every phase of Nature's in rock and river, field and forest, n mountain, whirlpool and waterfall, be surveyed at one broad sweep of e vision; wearing the noblest pile o buildings in the colony upon her brow; fringed all about with mingl sion, villa, lawn and grove, and hol rival falls of thunderous Chaudi tawney Rideau in either hand." T Mr. James Macdonald Oxley pour towa. "An arctic lumber vill ge into a political cockpit." Such is M win Smith's description of the san As these two gentlemen do not exact in their estimates, I have given bot versions; though I must not get into hot water by saying which I d be the most accurate. But Mr. Ox not make this city more proud, ar

THE DOMINION CAPITA

than Mr. Smith can make it more h so that regardless of toe disparagen the praise it falls to my lot to give brief and unambitious sketch of the p present of the Capital, according to understanding. A little while af beginning of the present century on emon Wright, of Woburn, Massach left his native place and proceeded t treal. From this point, with a car five families, including thirty men, for horses, eight oxen and seven sleighs, deep with mill irons, axes, scythes, h all other kinds of tools, together number of BARBELS OF CLEAR PORK

of his own raising, he proceeded to the diere Falls, where he erected for him habitation. He built the village of V ville, now Hull, one of the darkest l cities in the world, in spite of all the illumination stored up in its factories. directly opposite Ottawa, and for a sum the land upon which the city star into the hands of one Nicholas Sparks, son in the service of Mr. Wright. The considerable nervousness for many after the war of 1812 15, and this led to the construction of the Rideau a water route which would serve our or our troops, in time of war, to com go upon, without interruption. The tion of this canal with the Ottawa rive made precisely at the point where Mr. S had purchased the land. In a little the nucleus of a settlement made its ar ance, and then with the growth of the al traffic, there uprose a thriving place ed Bytown, so named after Colonel By engineer of the canal. As for Mr. Sr he soon found himself busy selling lots Imperial Government and to enterp settlers, till he became the master of half a million sterling. In 1851 By boasted of no fewer than 8000 inhabits and the great bulk of these were conce either directly or indirectly, with the lu traffic. To this part of Canada seem come from all quarters men of the stur

enterprise, as witness the names of

Skeads, the Eddys, the Moors, the Gilm

the Perlys, the Patteys, the Hamiltons

Wrights, and the many others hardly

ADVENTURESOME AND SUCCESSFUL irachievements. The new city now beg grow dissatisfied with her name, and longe one with more poetry and more music i sound. So Bytown was changed to Ott which appellation had taken the place the Utwa of the Indian. It would see if some guiding hand were preparing little northern town for the laurels soo be placed upon her brow. In 1841 the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada er ed into union, and the seat of the new ernment was established at Kingston. three years later it was decided that pa ment should go " boarding round the d trict," so to speak ; in other words, it resolved that the seat of government sh go four years to the French province, and a like period to the English one, alternat Montreal was given the honors for Que and Toronto held them for Ontario. in 1849 a Tory mob in Montreal did itself credit of burning down the parliament bu ings, stoning the Governor-General and ing sticks through a portrait of the Qu The representatives never returned to riotous city, but chose Quebec in its st In 1858 the legislature had grown sick of continuous packing, moving, and unpack and decided to ask Her Majesty to bec arbitrator in the natter, and nane a city the permanent resi ence of parliament. Queen took a map of the wild colonies, called one or two of her trusty council to her side. The Duke of Wellington his peinter upon a little black dot mar Bytown," and said, "That is a suits lace, Your Majesty. It stands on border of both provinces, and it is a place little importance in the English province Her Majesty accepted the advice, and sig fied her choice to the Canadian governme Not a little excitement was manifested w it became known that the place chosen for Capital was "a certain modest village to perched meekly on high bluffs and interv ng valleys between the spray and roar seadlong waterfalls." This decision at o brought the "arctic lumber village" rominence; and a gentleman with a v bitter and therefore somewhat unrelia in later years, when referring to lection said, "It was to become the co otery of political morality for this country Of course the city has never considered t it received any honor in being chosen; quite the contrary. Its very insignifical

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