NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Russian army of the Caucasus is concentrating at various points on the frontier of Armenia from Batoum to Mount Ararat. The main point of the concentration, however, is Sarikamysh, between the frontier and the fortress of Kars, the works of which were completed and armed a few years ago. Sarikamysh in the time of the Turkish occupation was an insignificant village, but since 1890 has become a military station of the first importance, permanent barracks for a division of infantry and a strong force of cavalry and artillery having been completed in that year. It is also the head quarters of the annual camp for manoeuvres of the army of the trans-Caucasus. From this station there are two roads leading to the Turkish frontier, one across the Soghanly Dagh to Zevin, where the Turkish and Russian posts face each other, on either side of a small stream running through a basin surrounded by high hills.

Zevin is noted as one of the points where the Russians suffered a severe defeat at the hands of the Turks, through the temerity of the Russian commander, who threw his men against a formidable position without sufficient reconnaissance or information as to the to Erzeroum, the Garin of the Armenians; but the one by which the advance of a Russian army would more probably be made, is that from Sarikamysh to Malazgerd, opening directly on the great plain of Passin, over which a road leads directly to Erzeroum by the village of Koprikeui and the old castle of Hassan Kaleh. An advanced guard of cavalry and light artillery could be before Erzeroum in eighrequire an army of at least 120,000 to is plenty of air and light. invest it effectively. Back from Kars they should be subjected to a vigorous the Delijian defile.

Batoum, on the Black Sea, up the valceptacle is used, but it must be securely

Experimental Department, and after ridge on the right bank of the stream, are eggs already on the clothing a vigancient date. Baibourt was the scene remove them. of one of the worst of the Armenian loosened hair and the larvae or moths Ontario. Since that date, however, the massacres, the ferocious Lazes of the which may be on them. They should work has increased from year to year road between Erzeroum and Trebizond which some repellant has been inclosed. terial for co-operative experiments with would be occupied, and a force push- If they are then put into boxes and fertilizers, fodder crops, roots, grains, that to Trebizond, over the Kop and storage during the warm months. A any one of the experiments for 1897 retreat of the Ten Thousand Greeks Fahrenheit. from Persia to the sea, described by Xenophon, was made.

On the Arat side of the frontier a gorian Church, across the Araxes and ercised, as they are very inflammable. phate, muriate of potash, mixture, and thence on to Van, on the east end of the lake of the same name, and by Bitlis and Moush on through gloomy defiles to Diarbekir. Minor movements would take place from points along the boiling fat. Serve hot. frontier between Ararat and Malazgerd into the plain of Passin to overawe and inhabit between the frontier and lake Van and the Bitlis and Moush districts. in the oven to brown. In what capacity a Russian army would enter Armenia is as yet uncertain. It and quarter well-grown parsnips. Wash would depend on events in the Balkans in cold water and put them into a and the neighborhood of the Dardanelles. It might be as an invader, as take up on a heated dish, and pour a mandatory of the European powers, over cream sauce. as the aily of the Turk against a Eur- Parsnip Fritters.-Wash, scrape and opean attack. In any case it would be boil three or four parsnips. Mash, and for the protection and advancement of season with salt, pepper and a table-Russian interests.

## AT LONG RANGE.

what I think of his contemptible mean- to stand for half an hour. Put them

talk to that way. I suppose you are boil one hour. Take up, drain, put on tioned, as all the kinds to be distributated to back your opinion boil one hour. Melt a tablespoonful of ed are those which have done excep-

## THE HOME

CLOTHES MOTHS.

Every careful housekeeper feels that one of the worst pests she has to contend with is the common clothes moth. During the summer months considerable attention must be given to all kinds of woolen and fur garments to keep them secure from the enemy. At any time during the warm months the little buff-colored moths may be seen flitting about the clothes closets if there are woolen or fur garments hanging exposed. They do not do the destructive work, but they deposit the eggs in that state do the damage. Whenever the flying moths are seen they should be destroyed to prevent further harm. When moths are discovered in clothing it is in the form of a dull white caterpillar with a brown head. of small particles of wool, and from which only its head and first legs protiny caterpillar performs its destructive work when it once begins and it keeps the housekeeper constantly on the lookout for it, for not only clothing and

strength of the Turkish force. From be most injuriously affected. Articles white satin ribbon for the chapper. ed and swept are not apt to become the edges and in corners. Frequent beating, brushing and exposure to air handles of ribbon-trimmed baskets of and sunlight will usually keep uphol- blossoms. stered furniture free from moths. The best remedies are the old ones-brush- mer sweet, after the pit has been reing, shaking and airing. Strong odors do not prevent the larvae when in the clothing from destroying it, but such teen hours or less from the time of repellants as tobacco, camphor, naphstarting from Malazgerd. The roads thaline balls and cedar chips are so on the Russian side are in good order. disagreeable to the flying moth that it does not as a rule, deposit its eggs Sarikamysh is connected with Kars by where the odor is strong. Of course, a road of double width, admitting of if a garment is stocked with eggs when artillery moving two guns abreast. The put away, no matter how carefully, the movement of troops is thus greatly ac-development. Moths usually seek celerated. Kars, it is calculated by dark corners and places to deposit their the Russian military authorities, would eggs, and are seldom seen where there

a road goes to Allexandropol, the old shaking, brushing and beating, togeth-Gumri of the Georgians and Turks, a er with long exposure to wind and sunoity of considerable size, and an im-with them some strong repellant. The partment from different parts of Eurportant military station connected with very best receptacles in which to put the Tiflis-Baku Railway line at Ak- away furs or woolens are trunks or boxstaffa by an excellent road through es which can be sealed. The old-fashioned cedar chest is very good, although | these carefully conducted experiments. it loses its strong odor in a few years. Trunks lined throughout with heavy tar paper, such as is used in buildings are Another important point on the fron- recommended. This paper needs to be been distributed over Ontario, through tier, from which an advance would be renewed about every other year, for it made in the direction of Erzeroum from loses its strength. Just as good protection, however, is afforded by pasteboard the north is Olti, which is connected boxes, which may be lined with tar pawith Ardaighan, which was lost to the per and the cover and openings sealed ison Bearded Spring Wheat, and the Turks early in the last war through together with strips of paper pasted Cloud's Early Yellow Dent, aMmmoth the treachery of its commander. The secure coverings also. The edges must carefully over them. Newspapers make next point from which troops would be be pasted down securely, leaving no en- and Salzer's North Dakota varieties of pushed into Turkish territory is from trance for the moths. It is really of no corn, which are now becoming so populey of the Tchoruk-Su to Baibourt, a closed against the entrance of the pa- Experimental Department, and after pretty town on the Tchoruk River, rent moths. The brushing given the being thoroughly tested were distribdominated by a high, precipitous, rocky garments or furs before they are put uted in small quantities. crowned by the ruins of fortifications of orous and careful brushing is sure to experimental work in agriculture was

neighboring mountains having been be comed with a clean comb and ex- and in 1896 there were 11,124 plots, called in to participate in it. Here the posed to air and sunlight. They may which were situated on 2,260 farms. We ed on a short distance would hold the sealed up there need be no fear that grasses and clovers. junction of the Erzingian road with moths will harm them. Some of he Interested persons in Ontario who leading dealers keep their furs in cold wish to join in the work, may select Zigana chains of mountains, the same temperature of 40 degrees will protect and inform the director at once of the by which tradition says the celebrated them, but it is usually kept lower than choice made. All material will be furthat-sometimes down to 20 degrees nished entirely free of charge to each

Cloth-lined carriages and upholstered | confluct the test according to the infurniture may be exposed to sunlight structions sent with the seeds, and to and brushed about three times during report the results of his test as soon the warm weather, say April, June and as possible after harvest. August. Then they may be sprayed with benzine or naphtha. To protect the carmovement would be made from Erivan pets, benzine or naphtha may be sprayby Etchmiadzin, the seat of the Ar- ed along the baseboards and in the phate, muriate of potash, mixture, and menian Catholics, the head of the Gre- cracks of the floor. When these lig- no manure with Corn.

## PARSNIPS.

Fried Parsnips.-Pare and boil; when done, drain, season with salt and pepper, dip in thin egg batter and fry in for Green Fodder.

Browned Parsnips .- Pare and boil the for Hay. parsnips. When done take up, split, lay control the lawless Kurdish tribes that in a baking pan, dredge with salt, and for Hay. pepper, lay over bits of butter, and set

> Parsnips With Cream Sauce.-Pare saucepan, cover with boiling water and let boil until tender. When done, drain,

spoonful of butter, add to a pint of egg patter, stir well, and drop in spoonfuls into boiling fat, fry brown, take up,

drain on brown paper, and serve hot. Stewed Parsnips.-Wash and scrape The supply of material being limited, I've just expressed my opinion of six or eight good-sized parsnips, cut those who apply first will be surest Snobson, and told him in plain terms in halves and throw them in cold water of obtaining the desired outfit. It might in a saucepan, cover with boiling wat- not be grantefl. Snobson's a pretty dangerous man to er, add a teaspoonful of salt, and let I am, said the infuriated man, as he sealed the letter and wrote Snob-thin with a teacup of water in which the Experimental Department.

C. A ZAVITZ, Director. the parsnips were boiled, stir and boil Agricultural College, March, 1897.

for five minutes, season with salt and pepper and pour over the parsnips.

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD. The handsome and graceful baskets that may have been received, filled with bonbons as gifts, may be converted into beautiful flower holders by lining the empty basket with a fitted piece of waterproof cloth on a thin painted cloth and sewing it closely around the edge of the basket. Fill it with wet sand and stick the sand full of blossoms. ed a feat to which no other member Rubber plants require to be nourish- of her sex can claim credit-namely, ed, and if a tablespoonful of castor oil is ocasionally poured into a little trench made around the stalk and covered with Petersburg. The young Countess, her the earth it will be found very bene- uncle and a French physician attachficial to the plant. And do not neglect to give the leaves a frequent sponge from which the larvae is produced, and bath of milk and water. With such care the plant will be able to send out new leaves during the winter season as well as in the summer months.

The odor from the heating of a new iron vessel is very unpleasant, and it may be avoided in this manner: Place driving, so they fix a bar across the the kettle in the yard at a safe dis- shafts, and a mounted man on either This minute worm is a ways found en- tance from anything inflammable and closed in a case, which is a matted mass | put into it a cloth saturated with kerosene; drop a lighted match upon the cloth and let the oil burn out. When the kettle is again cold wash, it in a trude. It is wonderful how rapidly this hot solution of strong soda water. Aft- are apt to break. On entering Ruser this treatment the vessel may be used in the house without any disagreeable odors.

Among the floral decorations at a recent English wedding, instead of furs are destroyed, but carpets, uphol- marriage bell a number of smaller bells stered furniture and hangings as well of various sizes were hung together. Those articles put away and left un- The bells were made of white blossoms disturbed for some time are liable to with a small orange suspended by a in daily use and rooms frequently air- These bells were hung from an arch made of green foliage plants. A flight of white birds was another new feature infested with moths. Yet it is a good among the decorations. Many of the idea to look for them in carpets, along birds were suspended by invisible wires, and one or two of them were resting upon the mounds of flowers or the

When using dates for an after dinmoved, instead of filling with chopped nut meats, set in a row of beanut meats and call them "peas in the pod."

### THE EXPERIMENTAL UNION.

What Is Being Done By the Ontari Agricultural College.

Upwards of 100 varieties of farm crops have been tested in the Experimental Department of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, within the past el-(even years, and six hundred of them have been grown for at least five years in succession. Nearly all the Canadian sorts and several hundred new variepartment from different parts of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and the United States have been included in Some of the new varieties have done exceptionally well and have already the medium of the Experimental Union, with very gratifying results. The Siberian Oats, Mandscheuri Barley, Her-Cuban, Wisconsin Earliest White Dent,

The present system of co-operative

applicant, but he will be expected to

LIST OF EXPEREMENTS FOR 1897. 1. Testing nitrate of soda, superphos-

no manure with Mangels. 3. Testing six leading varieties of Fodder Corn.

4. Growing three Leguminous crops for Green Fodder. 5. Growing three mixtures of grain 6. Testing four varieties of Grasses

7. Testing four varieties of Clovers.

9. Testing four varieties of Spring 10. Testing four varieties of Barley.

11. Testing five varieties of Oats. 12. Testing four varieties of Peas. 13. Testing three varieties of Beans. 14. Testing five varieties of Carrots. 15. Testing five varieties of Man-

16. Testing four varieties of Turnips. Materials for either No. 1 or No. 2 experiment will be sent by express, and approbation of my wife and daughter, volunfor each of the others it will be for-warded by mail. All fertilizers and whatever, to show the gratitude my daughter, wife and myself feel for the wonderful cure spring seeding, providing the applications are received at an early date: be well for each applicant to make a second choice for fear the first could

Particular varieties need not be men-C. A ZAVITZ, Director.

A GIRL'S FEAT.

Made the Overland Journey From Pekin to St. Petersburg.

In mentioning, a few days ago, the services rendered by the 15-year-old Countess Cassini as Secretary and interpreter to her uncle, Count Cassini, while Ambassador of the Czar at Pekin, writes a correspondent, I omitted to mention that she had just accomplishthe overland trip from Pekin to St. ed to the Chinese imperial hospital left the Chinese capital last December. Until the rolling plains of Central Asia were reached the travelers had to content themselves with mule litters. These they presently exchanged for Chinese versions of Russian sledges. The Mongolians know nothing about side, taking hold of the end of the bar presses it against the saddle bow and gallops for dear life. This mode of progression has at least the merit of dispensing with the use of traces, which sian Siberia they evere transported from posting station to posting station across the snow-covered plains and steppes without rest or intermission, until they reached the terminus of that portion of the Trans-Siberian railroad which is already in operation. Trying as is this journey for full-grown and able-bodied man, one can imagine what it must have been for a young and deli-

CORROBORATING EVIDENCE.

Michener-Straws tell which way the wind is blowing. Oldpart, from Kansas,-Out thar in our country, houses, trees, an' hosses tell ther same tale.



Fifty Years Ago.

No theory of germs to chill Affection's budding blisses; When ardent lovers took their fill, No microbes on their kisses. How happy they were not to know The germ-fad-50 years ago.

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## CONCLUSIVE PROOF. From a Well Known Citizen.

"My daughter Polly, has for more than a year been troubled with severe symptoms of kidney disease. She had constant and acute pains in her back. The pain in her head was fearful and almost unendurable. It frequently pre-ented her from attending school, and she found study at home practically impossible. She had no appetite, and did not sleep well. The pain was very severe around her heart and she was much troubled with fluttering and palpitation. She was completely worn out in body and was tired and drowsy all the time. Her mother and myself became geriously alarmed as she

and myself became seriously alarmed as she was constantly getting worse. "Last July my daughter Sarah, a teacher in the Public School at Kingsville, Ont., came home to spend her vacation, and finding her sister in such a distressing and dangerous condition, said, I am taking Doan's Kidney Pills and they are doing me much good, I have a box with me and will divide with Polly, which she did. By the time Polly had finished the half box her improvement in health was so marked, that I procured more from Mr.

Fraleigh's drug store.

Her full restoration to health and spirits was rapid and continuous. She has now none of 8. Testing three varieties of Buck- kidney troubles. She eats and sleeps well, and for more than a month has enjoyed the most vigorous health. She has not lost a day at school since she commenced taking the pills, and has so much faith in them since they restored her to full health that she wants me to keep six boxes in the house all the time, in case they should be needed and not available. Her cure has been so wonderful she thinks they will cure any complaint. If the pills had cost money. The restoration of my daughter to full health and strong girlhood, from her former stokes of the money of the money. The restoration of my daughter to full health and strong girlhood, from her former potter.

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myself and daughter a happy family.

Mortga "I make this sworn statement with the full

wrought by the Doan Kidney Pills. We have not the least doubt that her trying the pills just at the time she did saved us a large doctor's bill, as she was all but sick abed at doctor's bill, as she was all but sick abed at the time. I am sixty-two years of age, a carpenter by trade, have been a resident of St. Mary's for forty years, and county constable for thirty years and am well known, and I make this solemn declaration believing the same to be true, and knowing the same to have the same effect as an oath, and according to the same effect as an oath, and according to the Act respecting extra Judical Oaths 1893.

Taken and declared before me at the Town of St. Mary's, in the County of Perth, this 5th day of March, A. D., 1896.

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WINTER THE PLEASANTES OF THE YEAR IN RUSS Houses of Even the Humblest Cold Weather-Mysteries of

Stoves-Comforts of Russian

If you want to spend a comfortable winter and ne what it is to be cold, or to the happy days of spring, q to Russia, writes a St. Peters respondent. Of course, t plenty of places in our own b enlightened land where knows how to make winter season, but in Europe it is In all Western Europe I h not a single country where what we would call endur less pleasant. The days a ly damp and raw, and often but still the inhabitants se in the fond delusion that keep them warm and comfo furthermore, that it is ent

cessary for them to assist this matter. But in Russia all is diffe they expect it to be cold. it will be cold, and the a specialty of keeping wan most specialists, they nearer attaining perfection dinary mortals.

So if you want to be where in Europe during keep away from Engla fogs and rain. Don't where there are only a the whole kingdom. Go as you would the plague; never get much above fr But go to Russia if you and comfort indoors and days and sunshine, and d and cheerful.

BRIGHT-FACED E That's the place to be n able and to enjoy wint thing pertaining to it, th thermometer is from zer where the snow, as dry sand, crunches under yo pleasant crisp sound, breath makes a little cl and sometimes little iciq of the great fur collar the top of your head.

In the first place t built for winter. The ble, the windows are walls are a yard thick about the latter part windows are all closed and thoroughly sealed with putty. But in e is one tiny pane, on inside and outside w morning for about tel panes are opened. ventilation is secure openings into the n floor, in the corner, ceiling, in the opposi this way fresh air co. where and bad air else, and the result is

phere of the rooms is

The heating of thes art. It was a grea at first when I dis only fuel used in Ru my mind a wood fire glowing, sparkling, b a wide, black-thro poetic and romantic rather inadequate wa eter is below zero, wh freeze even while y hearth, with your fee der. Such was my ic warm during the winters solely by wo sarily somewhat of have since learned other ways of havin sides our wasteful tiful, perhaps, and a que or romantic, bu useful. For with a man can carry in a load a large room at a temperature

70 OR 75

for twenty-four he cold days they ha but in ordinary we the thermometer heating a day is A "heating" is process. I den't u I only tell it as it each room there is erally of white por 3 or 4 feet square ly to the ceiling. is a brass door, another smaller of several little roun over certain little the stove. To me ings of these are Bill Nye's parlor and wonderfully increase the heat forward the cam aurora borealis." man brings in an or a dozen st brass door at the fire. Then he ladder and opens takes out a thing lid from somewher gions of the stove ed to roar and b an hour or so wi returned to its re

is shut and screw-and the "heating" while the stove it will keep the choose for twenty you know how t caps you can re ture exactly acc In the peasants' built of brick ar are run on just those in the Em