

NOTES AND COMMENTS

With the virtual decision of the Italian government to evacuate its remaining possessions on the Red sea coast, has begun the struggle between various powers for the Italian assets, and for dominance over Abyssinia.

Abyssinia, independent or hostile, would be a standing menace to British control of the upper Nile region Khartoum to the lakes; and now that the Italian claims are to be abandoned and England is about to resume possession of the Sudan, she is determined to recover Kassala and to assert her influence in Abyssinia.

THE BIG ALLIGATOR GETS LOOSE.

Starts a kindling wood factory, but is lassoed and hauled back to its tank. "We were located once for quite a spell in one place," said the old circus man, "and we had things fitted up permanently."

THE FARM.

REASONS AND RULES FOR PRUNING.

A fruit grower gives some good reasons and rules for pruning. He said: "We prune for two reasons—to produce a symmetrical, long-lived tree, and to cause fruitfulness."

"June is said to be the best month in which to prune. April, May, July and October are fairly good. If properly done in the spring or early summer months, the wound of a reasonable-sized limb will heal over in about three years."

"At the base of each limb is an enlargement more or less prominent, called the collar by some. Cut as close to this as possible and upon the same plane, whether that be straight across or at an angle."

"It is possible to strengthen to some extent a crooked tree by drawing a knife lengthwise cutting through the bark on the inside of the crook. The demand for beautifully straight trees by ill-informed buyers has caused nurserymen to cease the propagating of trees of some of our most desirable varieties because straight trees of those varieties cannot be grown until they reach several years of age."

HENS' OR PULLETS' EGGS FOR HATCHING.

Is there a difference in hens' or pullets' eggs for hatching, or is it a matter of fancy? If we consider them separately, what shall we find? Pullets begin to lay first, naturally, and if we should use their eggs in October or November, the chances are they would not produce as strong chicks as we desire.

LOCATING THE PEAR ORCHARD.

A slightly descending slope is most favorable in order to precipitate drainage and the discharge of surplus surface water, but it is not essential that any particular point of the compass should be secured. Shelter from the rake of the wind is important. The pear is a companionable tree and will luxuriate when supported by other trees around it.

be secured. Shelter from the rake of the wind is important. The pear is a companionable tree and will luxuriate when supported by other trees around it. In close garden culture a degree of humidity is preserved and there is less evaporation from the foliage where the strong winds are broken, the growth will be more vigorous and healthy.

THE HOME DAIRY.

If on every farm more attention is paid to the home dairy, a better product of butter will be turned out, and a greater yield per cow will be realized. The better the article the more sure the sale; and the larger the yield per cow the greater the net profit.

FEEDING VALUE OF APPLES.

We do not think enough of the value of the orchard for feeding its fruits to the farm animals. Apples are nutritious, and an aid to the good digestion of other food. The mild acid of them is excellent for the health of the stock and we all know how gratefully they will receive a feed of them at any time.

CURRY THE FARM HORSES.

Horses on the farm do not have the sleek look that horses in the city livery have. Neither will they accomplish so much work. The difference is partly owing to the fact that the horse in the city has a large proportion of grain, while the farm horse, even while working, gets most of his nutrition from hay. But grooming has also a great deal to do with the superior sleekness of the city horse's coat.

ON SIGNING ONE'S NAME.

"Do tell the women," begged a lady of great wealth the other day, "tell the women never to sign a paper the contents of which they do not fully understand. In the sorrow and excitement of a certain hour, I put my name to a document which placed my money and my affairs at the mercy of a money-changer for a dozen years."

"You do not know how well Alonzo B. Tomkins looked in my handwriting! It is needless to say that no time was lost by the distracted young husband in recovering that most innocently forged check!

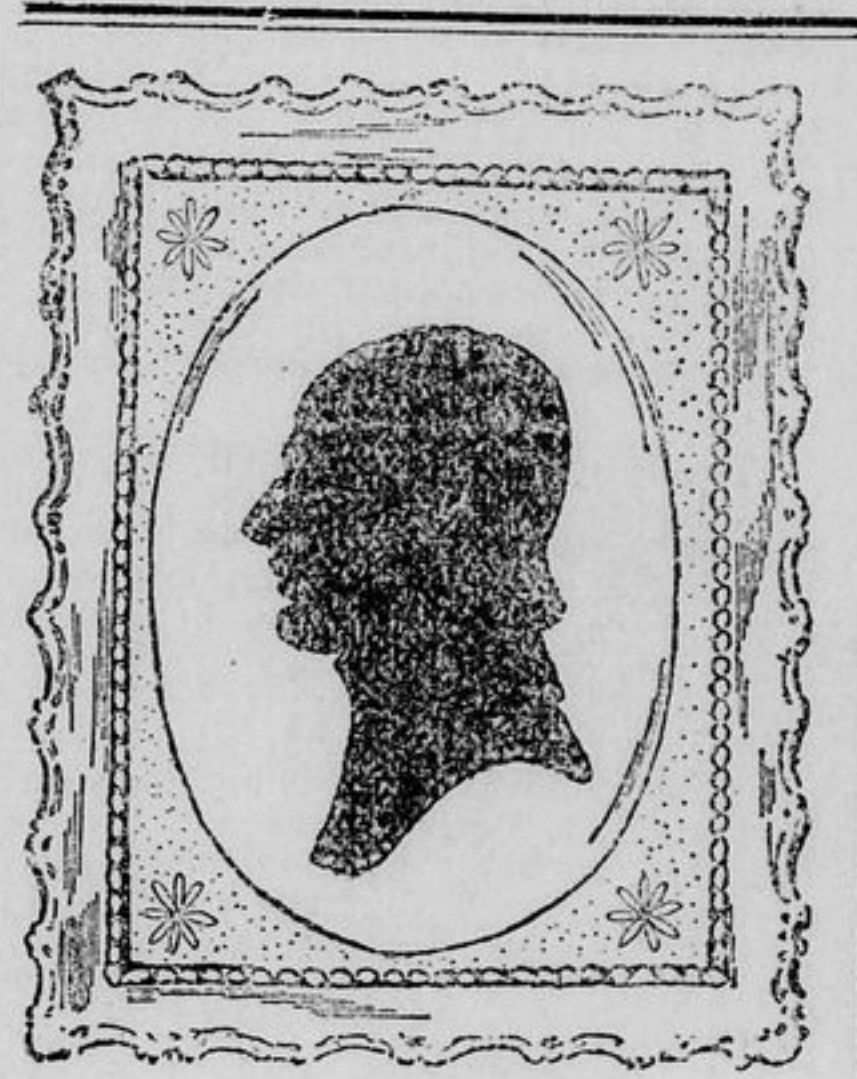
QUEEN NATALIE.

One of the fairest queens in Europe is Queen Natalie, of Servia, and her greatest beauty is her neck. The Queen takes frequent and regular exercise with a heavy pitcher on her head. The result of this is to straighten and strengthen the neck, and to give it the form which the highest standard of female beauty requires.

Queen Natalie has abundant black hair, and a rich coloring. Her figure is very strong and erect, and her carriage is perfect, for her favorite exercise tends to develop the latter quality as well as to beautify the neck and shoulders. Her flesh has the firmness of marble. Her head is placed on her shoulders after the manner of that of the Venus of Milo.

RESCUED.

They had been drifting about in the open boat for seven days, and had almost given up hope, when the lookout cried wildly: A sail! a sail!



Fifty Years Ago. This is the way it was bound to look when grandfather had his "pictur took." These were the shadows cast before the coming of conjurer Daguerre.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

began to make new men, just as the new pictures of men began to be made. Thousands of people fronted the camera with skins made clean from blotch and blemish, because they had purified the blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Here in Ottawa

Irresistible Proof That There is a Cure for Diabetes. The following sworn statement is the best proof that diabetes is not incurable, and that there is a remedy which will cure it.

1. I reside at 180 Bell Street, in the said City of Ottawa. 2. For the past fifteen years I have been a great sufferer from kidney disease; among the prominent symptoms of which were severe pains in my back, hot flashes extending from the base of the spine up between my shoulders, dizziness, headaches, etc.

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Farmers Won't. Do without Implements, because they can't sow or reap profitably without them. But when they buy, they naturally want to do so as cheaply as possible.

Do without Implements, because they can't sow or reap profitably without them. But when they buy, they naturally want to do so as cheaply as possible. This is why so many deal with us, for we buy for cash and sell at a modest profit.

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HOUSEHOLD.

OUR FONDEST LOVE. Only a baby!—so say you. And yet those eyes so bright and blue Can pierce our hearts—yes, through and through. With love—their love.

Our every smile and every glance They seem to watch, and then perchance They wound us with a Cupid glance A baby's love.

Only a baby!—to recline. Or round a mother's neck entwined. But, oh! what innocence divine! What love—pure love!

When tiny rosebud lips invite We kiss them, and our hearts unite And so we to the baby bright Our fondest love.

CHATS WITH MOTHERS. Occupation for children means business; the little ones who have not to do are inevitably fretful and chivacious, so it behooves mothers to suitable and varied employment their young folks.

Silver paper, which comes from late, packets of tobacco, and else is generally prized; though the ones don't know what to do with if a tiny ball is formed of the piece, and other portions are snowfall fashion, a very young can make for itself a capital ball of paper neatly folded for fat light his cigar are another source of delight, and the boy or girl who these has the additional pleasure knowing it is love's labor.

It is always advisable to inculcate lessons of good nature and unness when the children set to. Let the older ones paint pictures, fill scrapbooks for the hospitals, the wee ones can tear up paper stuffing for simple charity. Well-to-do little people are so ly and thoughtfully treated that they are in danger of forgetting that everything is theirs by right. It is all important to teach them to share their playthings really and fully and to be ready to give to others less fortunate than themselves. Children's colds should never be neglected. It is a great mistake a little one out in the winter incipient or a developed cold, are mothers who fear to cool weaken the child by keeping the house, and so let him get increase the mischief, which happens even in an attack on the chest. Prevention is better than cure, as soon as a cold shows itself, patient should be given one red day spent entirely in bed, the temperature is evenly kept effects a cure, while frequent are efficacious; the addition renders the beverage somewhat and less toothsome, but it is of a medicine than the plain water.

Dry rubbing the chest, back of the body with a handful of flour, in about equal parts is another good remedy for the chest. The mustard dill, but not nearly so much, while it is a far more application than any sort of makes the little patient do clothes greasy.

One of the worst things that pen to a child is to be frightened. A child that has resulted in shock cannot be overruled. Fits, weak nerves, listless brain, hysteria and St. Vitus often be traced to a severe is not, however, an easy avoid everything calculated fear, but parents must try their children's fear down to the good and steady.

Teach the little ones to and whilst discouraging petting and stroking strain them have no fear if one ing. One of the greatest child-life is the darkness, little hearts sink down to left alone in the dark by boy or girl from babyhood room where there is no light will not exist, unless son or ignorant person succeed him or her, a continually to be guarded against.

HINTS FOR THE HO. Salted popcorn is a novel place of the always almonds at some recent kernels of popcorn, a lightly browned in hot oil. This browned quite favorably received serves a favor.

"Sugaring off" parties adays. The delicious is cooked until it is like in place of the pure wax up in bright tin pans by country cousins find clear, even blocks of firm and hot liquid wax. This wax is easy to serve as toasted crackers, served at the same time smoking and pulling at the evening's amusement. For serving a soft-shell party holders of delicate silver wire in such a manner as full egg-shaped holder the top is a tiny circle smoothly cuts the shell of the egg. This is ment over the ugly cups so long in use. When purchasing kerchiefs, those that may be readily recog