

CURRENT NOTES.

One of the most difficult positions to fill satisfactorily within the gift of the British colonial office, is that of governor of Cape Colony and high commissioner for South Africa.

In this welter of jealousies and suspicions the only possibility of success for a governor and high commissioner is strict impartiality toward the absolute independence of all parties; and in the tremendous pressure certain to be brought to bear upon him to take sides, only an exceptionally strong and clear-headed man can maintain such an attitude.

A feature of city life which cannot fail to impress the reflecting is the order which regulates the movement of the working population. It is like the ebb and flow of the tides in its recurring regularity.

POLITICAL LEADER'S FINE. Right Hon Sir William George Venables Vernon Harcourt, M.P., Liberal leader in the House of Commons, has been fined 10 shillings and costs in a London Police Court for allowing his chimney to catch fire through not having been cleaned.

HORSEFLESH IN LONDON. The meat inspectors of London have discovered that not only is horseflesh served to unsuspecting customers in the metropolis as beef, but also that goatflesh masquerades as venison at many restaurants.

PRACTICAL FARMING.

PERMANENT GRASS LAND.

This is by far the most important crop grown wherever domestic animals are reared. It is the common herbage on which cattle are fed. Grass is the most favorable crop that can be grown, from the fact that it requires but little capital, labor or machinery.

At the present time in mowing is too uneven to work to advantage with labor-saving machines. It may be broken up and cultivated for a time or immediately laid down smooth and adapted to be worked with machinery.

PRUNING STRAWBERRIES.

The object of pruning is to induce fruitfulness and concentrate the strength of the plant on a few strong buds which shall bring berries to great perfection and impart to them a firm texture and richer flavor.

off at once. This destroys the balance between roots and foliage, so that the plant is thrown into a congested condition that induces rust and other fungi which always attack weakened roots.

My favorite way for growing fine fruit, of what people call medium-sized varieties, is in the hedge row; that is, one plant wide and as close as their one plant will admit.

HORSE TALK.

Better go twice than overload the team. This overloading is a fruitful cause for unsoundness. When loaded let the team stop often to get their breath. It pays.

Don't attempt to train the colt at all until he is in good condition and full of life, if you want him to develop style of action, and be fit to put on the market for a good price when educated.

MR. CHUNG'S QUERER BUSINESS.

Looking After the Bones of Chinese Who Die in the United States. Mr. Chung was a contractor in the employ of the Chinese Six Companies of San Francisco.

THE HOME.

USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL.

The foundation for a sofa pillow may be twenty inches square, made of a good quality of bed ticking and filled with feathers or down. The covering material is a piece of silkoline, with yellow ground and a design of wild roses and leaves running over it.

A little pin tray is made of celluloid with butterflies painted on its four sides in water colors. Then the edges are cut out, the ends and sides bent up and tied with baby ribbon.

THE CHILDREN'S DIET.

Very often the little ones are troubled with weak digestion, constipation, etc., especially at this season when fruit is scarce, and meats and rich gravies are frequently set before them.

A HOME-MADE RUG.

Have your blacksmith bend two heavy wires in the shape of a hair pin, twenty-four inches long and two inches between the prongs.

SUGGESTIONS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

Remember that it is a culinary sin to cut lettuce. It should be shredded with the fingers. Nor should it be sent to the table dripping with moisture. Wash it, lay it on a napkin and gently press it dry with another.

as cream; and will also obviate the unpleasantness of finding the cakes or muffins interspersed with particles of curd.

Not every housekeeper knows the difference between an infusion and a decoction. Probably that is the reason why so many of them make tea, which should be an infusion, a decoction instead.

DEEP BREATHING.

Mothers should see that their little ones learn to breathe correctly—that is, through the nose, and to take long breaths. A long breath will expand and exercise the lungs to their fullest capacity.

SCIENCE OF THE MOSQUITO.

Sure Sign That Malaria is in the Air When the Mosquito Bites.

There are four truths respecting the mosquito which modern science has established: First—A mosquito cannot live in air free from malarial poison.

ONE WOMAN'S NOTIONS.

The men will stand anything. It's a woman's vocation to be married. A woman is as good as a man any day.

WRESTLING IN INDIA.

Wrestling in India, like prize-fighting in England and America, still draws crowds, and is considered by Indians of high positions the king of sports.