

BERMUDA GRASS.

Extract From An Address before the Georgia Agricultural Society by B. D. Lumsden, of Bibb County.

This pest, or curse, as it is called by some in Georgia and by Northern writers, a noxious weed, is too well known to be described. We join issue with the above parties, and call it a blessing to our section.

First. It is the best grass we have for pasturage and hay.

Second. It is one of the best renovators of our soil, which is proven upon all lands that were set in it, that have been put in cultivation.

A recent analysis, made by Dr. St. Julien Ravenel, of Charleston, S. C., makes Bermuda grass nearly equal to timothy, which is universally considered the best grass grown. Stock or cattle that run on Bermuda grass fields keep in better condition than on any other pastures. We knew a farmer in Putnam county, Ga., that raises annually a number of colts, and he told me that he never fed them even in winter. He has nearly his whole place set in Bermuda grass. He says his colts get very poor in winter. He has never saved any hay, but as his neighbors have saved a quantity of it for hay, he intends this year to keep the stock from some of his bottoms, and save enough to winter them.

Making hay of Bermuda grass is of recent date with us. About twelve years ago a small quantity was brought to Macon for sale; year before last the demand and supply increased, and last season there was sold in our city, Macon about 100 tons, bringing from \$18 to \$20 per ton on the wagons. We cut upon the bottom lands below the city one and a half acres, from which we got, at the first cutting, over 7,000 pounds of hay; at the second cutting we got 3,000 pounds. A gentleman, three miles above Macon, cut on thirteen acres, \$399 worth of Bermuda grass hay.

In Greene county, we learn, one gentleman cut, last season 6 1/2 tons Dr. Moody, in Greene county (see report of State Fair, 1874), cut 13,393 pounds from one acre, at a cost of not more than nine cents per cwt. This hay to-day is worth in the market, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cwt. Dr. St. Julien Ravenel of Charleston, with the aid of superphosphates, produced this day at the rate of eight or more tons per acre. It can be cut, in a good season, three or four times.

Its origin in our State is not accurately known. It cannot be propagated by its seeds such it produces with us, but is done by its roots. We have heard that in the Bermuda Islands it has seed like the Irish potato. To set a field with this grass we would suggest this plan: Break the land up in Spring, then collect a quantity of the grass and pull it in small pieces (each joint will take root), and scatter it over the plowed land, then roll it in so that it will take root. The next Spring plow it up as if to kill it, and then roll again, and we think it will be well set. We are glad to see prejudice against this grass giving way. It can be killed, but as we are not advocating its destruction, we will not give our plan. One of the best farmers in Putnam county told me he could kill it in two years by putting the land in cotton.

When a negro woman on Levee-st was informed the other day, by a meandering reporter, that the price of seasons had increased 15 per cent. during the present month, she elevated her hands and exclaimed: "De Land only knows what is to become of poor folks! Seems zif de more we worked de often-der de white folks go and riz de price on de nesumars of lite."—[Vicksburg Herald.

The words "treason" and "rebellion" have nearly passed out of northern mouths, and Massachusetts and Penn sylvanians, in their present glorification of a successful treason, are suggesting to themselves that, after all, perhaps, the supreme fault of the South is that it did not succeed.—St. Louis Republican.

They fed the snakes in the Garden of Plants at Paris on live rats until recently, when a rat killed a snake worth 2,000 francs. The snakes now take their rats dead.

Gen. Braxton Bragg has accepted the position of chief engineer of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fee Railroad which ground was broken May 1st at Galveston.

A Philadelphia named Keeley, claims to have discovered a vapor which is far more powerful than steam as a motor, cost nothing, occupies but little space, and will move steamers around the world as cheaply as sailing vessels, and will reduce freight to one-half rate.

Judge John Kerr will deliver the annual address before the young ladies of the Thomasville Female School at the close of the session, on the 27th of June.

It is rumored, says the Southern, that Hon. George Howard has offered the stockholders \$30,000 for their interest in the uncompleted Williamson & Tarboro Railroad.

AN INTERVIEW WITH A FORTUNE-TELLER.

Jay Charlton, of the Danbury News, reports an interview with a New York fortune-teller as follows:

The other day I saw on the sign of a small brick house in one of the unpretentious avenues, these words: "Madame Le Blanc, Clairvoyant and Astrologist." In the fun of the moment I went in, and was ushered into a back sitting-room. A young countryman was soon my companion, and I cheekily asked him what he was after. Said he: "I want to find out whether I'm goin' to win in a lawsuit in a justice's court, about a black mare with a docked tail. I come from Goshen; where do you come from? This here woman kin see right through an oak plank." Presently the door opened, and a tall, distinguished woman, with silver-gray hair, threw open wide the door. "You know how Poe did it when he wanted to see out where old November was. That's the way she did it. She looked as dignified as a big sun-flower. I stammered "Missis?" You see I wasn't going to give myself away by being too sharp. Said she, as her head followed my movements as the aforesaid sunflower follows the sun (if it does), "Madame, if you please." What little human pride was in me waltzed out of my being as I gazed upon this elegant female woman. I umblly began:

"Prophet?" said I, "thing of—whom the angels call Lenore."

Here I saw, I'd put my foot into it, and I broke down. But I had to go it madly because I didn't want to burst out laughing at my learned colleague from Goshen, with the dock-tailed mare. She saved me, by sweeping grandly into the parlor, putting up her long finger, as Everts puts his up in the Beecher case. So I walked, somewhat between laughter and timidity, into the Night's Plutonian Shore. She motioned me to a chair which stood before a small table. She grandly sat in one opposite. Then drawing six thicknesses of something like a black crape iron-holder over her eyes, she said in a grandly sepulchral monotone: "Your life will be long—

with some cares. An enemy besets your path. Beware of a false friend who will try to do you a wrong. You will come out of it all right, one dollar is my charge." I put one dollar upon the table, thinking that there were ten sodas gone. But I said, "Madame, I would like to know what kind of a girl I'm going to have?" Here she rose, went behind my back to a side-board, and brought back one empty tumbler. Holding it before my eyes, she grandly said, "You are satisfied, I hope, that there is nothing in it." I said I was satisfied. Whereupon she went behind me again, and brought the tumbler past me with a parallelogram of paper in it. I saw the paper was dimly white, with a little yellow smearing on it. From a half-pint bottle she poured a reddish liquid into a little water, and then poured the mixture into the tumbler. After a moment, her fingers went into the tumbler, drew out the paper and tore it up. I had it on the end of my tongue to say, "The acid didn't bring the photograph out," but that would have spoiled everything. So I meekly bowed when she said, "The fade is not perfect yet, but it is very, very beautiful. I congratulate you," she tried again, and waved a stick over the mixture. This time the picture came out, and she laid my wet and yellow lover upon the table with an air of Persian triumph. Her austere magnanimity lowered itself to the earth as she said, "It is very, very beautiful. One dollar for the picture." I laid one dollar in my sadness beside my blonde, but drying, lover, thinking, "Ten more sodas gone." "Two," she said. "Two?" I repeated meekly. "Yes," said she, "two." "But you said one." "Oh! one was for the picture, last one for the condition I was in. It hurts me to produce so beautiful a picture of the girl you are to love." "But, madame, you don't tell me about her." Then she spoke up, in her wrinkled grandeur, with a tone of vinegar gurgling out of a bung hole. "You will marry her within a month. She will come to you." I rose to leave, and she said, "A dollar!" "What for?" "The fortune." "But that goes with the picture." "For the first advice." "I paid a dollar for that." "I meant two dollars. Let that go. I hope you two will be happy together. The first one will be a little girl." I left her to my friend from Goshen. The process by which she produced the picture is a simple one. The prints are those of photographs, unvarnished, and bought by the dozen. A little chemical mixture brings out the features. One face will serve for a dozen lovers. The one I got was that of a prominent actress, married, as I am, to "another." I have a photograph of the lady exactly like that produced by the incantation of the grand gnomon. Yet this woman probably makes a plenty of money.

APPLES.
The Parisians devour 100,000,000 of apples every Winter. An eminent French physician thinks that the decrease of dyspepsia and bilious affections in Paris is owing to the increased consumption of this fruit, which he maintains, is an admirable prophylactic and tonic, as well as a very nourishing and easily digested article of food.

The Russian government is about to commence work on a Government railroad to extend from Perm, near the Eastern border of European Russia, about 1,000 miles into Siberia, the general course being near that of the fifty-sixth parallel of North latitude. The limit of time for completing the work is fixed at five years.

FOURTEEN DREADS THE BRAVE, AND IS ONLY TERRIBLE TO THE COWARD.

MECHANICAL GENIUS.
I know at least a score of men who, though intelligent enough in other respects, do not know how to drive a nail in a workmanlike manner. As boys, they were educated with a view to practicing certain vocations or professions, and mechanical arts were completely ignored by their unwise parents or guardians. Now it is essential to every man—lawyer, preacher, physician, merchant—to know some of the principles of mechanical art, and how to apply them, for no man leads in industrious life without very frequently seeing the use of such knowledge. There are certain mechanical rules that apply to almost every piece of work that man attempts to perform, from the folding of a paper to the matching together of two boards, and the bungling manner in which these things are generally done, show how little idea men have of mechanism. Then, fathers, whether city men or country men, fit up a workshop for your boys. A small set of tools, of the best material, will not cost much—more than ten or twelve dollars at most—and they'll soon return to you their value in the good accomplished. Where there is a comfortable workshop supplied with good tools, the boys are seldom known to leave it upon leisure days to loaf in the streets. If nothing else is given them to do, they will be manufacturing wind-mills, sleds, weather-cocks, hand-carts, etc., and every hour thus employed adds to their skill as workmen. Very soon they will be able to make rainy days as profitable as others, repairing or making very many important fixtures about the house. We know boy mechanics who have supplied their homes with brackets, flower-stands, step-ladders, and a hundred and one other things convenient and valuable.

THE EMPRESS EUGENIE.
An interviewer recently visited the Empress Eugenie for the purpose of learning something of her ideas concerning the status of Imperialism in France. Her Majesty, it appears, was slightly indisposed when the interviewer called. Her Majesty reclined among pillows, decked with a dainty little white lace cap, with blue ribbons, and a handsome white dress rich with lace and an embroidery and tied at the throat with a blue tie. A tiny table held a cup of chocolate and a silver tray of bombons, while another little table held a draught board, with the men in position, which showed that she had been playing. Her Majesty, we are told, smiled on seeing the interviewer, and after a talk about the political situation, the interviewer "was permitted to retire." "On going out," concludes the writer, "I turned to take a last look of the beautiful empress, who had carried all hearts by storm, be they of kings or peasants. She lay back there, her rich golden hair loosely caught under the tiny, coquetish bit of lace and ribbon, the fair fulness of shoulders and bust half revealed through the embroidery on her dress, and the tower-like strength of her round, white neck, made more marked by the blue tie. The soft, white hands, are as plump and dimpled as those of a baby, and her complexion is still delightfully clear and fine. The profile is clear out and of a high cast of beauty, and her mouth is a marvel of sweetness—and sadness, except when she smiles. She bade me au revoir instead of "good-bye," and some day I hope to pass another hour with the queenliest queen of all, the ex-Empress of France.

CHOICE IN LITERATURE.
It has been truly observed that as a man may be judged by the company he keeps, so he may be by the books he reads. Every book carries with it its own peculiar atmosphere, just as does every person, and it is no more possible for one to take equal pleasure in all books than it is to enjoy the society of every person one meets. There are some authors whom, by a law of selection that is as commanding as instinct, we take at once to our hearts, and delight in their companionship. There are others whom we find it pleasant to read occasionally, just as we have a good many acquaintances who are agreeable, but with whom intimacy is neither possible nor desirable; and there are still others whom we would always pass by on the other side. There is no one so peculiar in his mental constitution that he may not by searching find just the author to sympathize with him; to go with him in those trains of thought and of feeling that predominate in his mind. Not only have we authors for our prevailing moods, but for every varying phase of sentiment and thought and aspiration we may, if we know where to seek it, find an interpreter. The fact that an author is the fashion is no reason why one should keep his company if it is found ungenial. There are great numbers of people who think Dickens tedious and have little relish for Thackeray, yet who are by no means destitute of literary culture. To some Ruskin is severe and harsh in his style, while others delight in every syllable he utters. Any one who indorses heartily the morality of the New Testament may be trusted to read what he enjoys, and rest in the conviction that this course will educate him up continually to higher standards. The fact that we do not enjoy an author is no reason why we should never read his works, any more than the fact that we do not fancy certain individuals should prevent us from availing ourselves of the knowledge, useful to us, that they may possess. As the bee seeks honey in every opening flower far and near, so should we gather from near and far whatever may be of use to us.

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GABRIEL M. LEA, WILLIAM A. LEA, MARIA L. MOORE, GEORGIA LEA, AND JAMES W. LEA,
Plaintiffs
Against
NORA LEA,
Defendant.
Special Proceedings.
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JAMES E. BOYD,
Attorney for Plaintiffs.
In the above entitled action it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant is a non-resident of this State; It is ordered that service of summons be had upon her by publication in the ALAMANCE GLEANER a newspaper published weekly in this County, once a week for six successive weeks. Done in office at Graham, N. C. on the 8th day of May, 1875.
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