About fifty-five per cent. of the preperty in this country is insured.

There are 1250 post offices in this country which are used as lounging places by the public.

The little island of Jamaica sells anqually to the United States bananas exceeding in value the entire apple. peach and cherry crop of this

Florida orange-growers have arranged for two fast steamships, with a carring capacity of 25,000 boxes each, on the route between Jacksonville and Liverpool, England.

The Governor of St. Helena reports affairs there as being in a wretched state. Work is scarce, revenue is short of expenditure, business is declining, and there is great poverty and suffering among the inhabitants.

Dr. Malan, in his report on the capacity of Inspector of Sea Fisheries to the British Board of Trade, records with satisfaction a decrease in the number of lives lost at sea among tishermon during the past year.

There are 3074 employes of the New York Post Office and the nineicen sub-stations. Of these the amjority receive less than \$800 ayear; 500 are paul less than \$600 each; about a hu dred get \$500; and possibly 17 per cent. receive \$1000.

The investment of \$20,000,000 made by the British Government in the Sucz Canal shares will in a year or two, according to Mr. Goschen, be worth \$95,000,000, which proves it to have been an excellent stroke of businuss as well as of diplomacy.

In Michigan's road laws is the following: "All persons who shall use only lumber wagons on the public nighways of this State, with rims not ess than three inches in width, for munion loads not exceeding 800 pannels in weight, shall receive a retate of one-fourth of their assessed nighway tay Such relates shall not raised in any one year three days' read tax to nav one man,"

A remurkable instance of defiance to face opposits in the case of a Gorman gyminist, Paul Keller by name. When a sal he met with an accident in s trapeze performanca which profused paratysis in his legs. Thereapon he devoted bimself to the develpment of his arms, and new performs councitable feats with their aid arone. Atthough weighing but 120 nounds, his chost measures 33 inches, als foreavor 12 inches and his biceps

The chief of the Weather Bureau, se ng desirous of increasing the efficioney of the service, has arranged to rover the territory from the Ohio Valley to the coast during the summer months with a supplementary service predicting thunderstorms, for the wacti of the general public, but parwhen such information is invaluable. First spurpose eight special foretasting stations for thunderstorms have been designated as follows: Albuny, New York, Buffalo, Pittsburg, New Bennswick, N. J., Cincinnati,

The consus bulletin on the assessed valuation of property of the United States shows that the increase of wealth in California has been much more rapid than that of most of the older States in the Union. . Our percentage of increase," states the San-Francisco Ciurontele, -was 87.92, while that of Massachusetts was only 55.55. New York 42.56, Pennsylvania \$4,05, Onto 15.89, Missouri 47.59, and to em. Our gain to population will also compare favorably with that of any except the very new States, which, of course, show up high in percentages But New York only increased her population 18 per cent., New Jersey 27.74. Pennsylvania 22.77, Maryland 11 49, Missouri 25,56, while our increase was 59.72 per cent. On the whole, it may be fairly claimed that the record of California indicates prosperity, and, not as some maticious critics assert, a state of decadence."

A Mr. Ballard of San Francisco possesses a \$5 gold coin, coined by the Mormons in 1849. In that year Brighum Young established a mint, and coined about \$1,009,000 In \$5 gold pieces. These coins, says a San Francisco paper, soon found their way to California and passed current. At that early date, they were welcomed as a great convenience in matters of exchange. The metal in the coins was unalloyed-to soft and pure, in fact, that it were away very rapidly. On this account they disappeared from circulation almost as rapidly as they had appeared. On one side of Mr. Hallard's relic are two clasped hands, probably symbolic of foot. This method is better than to brotherty love, while around the mar- plant before watering, for very little gin are the letters "G. S. L. C. P. G.," standing for "tireat Salt Lake Califormin Pure Gold." Below the clasped | it is dry. hands are the words, "five dollars," and the date, "1849." On the other side, in the centre of the coin, is the all-seeing eye, and below that a beehive, while around the margin are these words, "Heliness to the Lord." be cultivated and cared for; if they gettin killed .- [Good News.

FOR FARM AND GARDEN.

WHAT FLAVORS THE BUTTER.

The oils of the different kinds of grain fed to dairy cows have very much to do with the quality of the butter. Cotton seed, while giving an in little reservoirs distributed all increased flow of milk rich in butter fat, makes the butter greasy and sticky. Oats and bran give good oils for butter, but the best is the oil of corn. To the general use of corn in feeding dairy cows in the West is due Western butter .- [New York Wit-

FREDING VALUE OF CORN-COBS. Scientific anthority now acknowlago, that corn-cobs have a feeding value when ground with the corn At first they denied this, because analysis did not show it; then they thought it might be of benefit by mixing with the meal and preventing it from packing so closely. Now Sir Lyon Playfair of England says that when ground along with the grain the cobs "are of great value on account of their percentage of potash, and the potash is necessary as a chemical agent to change the blood to milk, and the albumen to casine in cheese." The farmers knew they were right in grinding the corn and cob together, but they could not tell why .- [Boston Cultivator.

For everything there is a reason and in any farm practice it is neceseary to know why a throng should be done before it is done. There are so many differences in so many ways about the work of a farm that it is no possible to make rules for every case alike. Thus in deep plowing there are to be taken into consideration the kind of soil, its condition of fertility, its texture, and many other things that might interfere with the expected benefits of the work. A light, open soll, rich and having plenty of manure in it to a considerable depth, o naturally rich in feetility, may be plowed as deeply as may be practical bler while another that is thin and lies on gravel or hard clay or any kind of inferior subsoil, or that is naturally poor, will not permit of any but shalow plowings Land that has a reoil, as a fertile, mellow leam that has only been plowed for a few years to a small depth, may be plowed as deeply as the farmer pleases, and all the more if the land is a hill-life and subject to be washed by heavy rains. The deeper plowing then per mits the water to sink into the soul instead of thiwing on the surface and washing the top .- New York Times.

MARIL WITH SWIESY IN SHOULDER. Almost any injury to the muscles of the shoulder blade of a horse from a sprain, bruise, or even inaction through some injury to the foot may cause atrophy or wasting of the muscies, and when this is about the shou der it is called sweeny among farmers. non-new for farmers during harvest, In the first stages, and when there is any inflatamation present, the application of cold water will be sufficient to reduce it, after which above the animal to walk on level, smooth ground or even do light work to increase the circulation over the wasted muscles But if the animal has been assisted until the shrinking of the flesh is quite plainly to be ecen, then hard rutbing must be resorted to, and reveral times a day using a wisp of straw or even a culture. emooth stick of wood to produce active friction over the joint. If the condoes not improve under this treatment apply a limineut made of four ounces fluid extract of ginger, one of gum campion, and a half pint of olive oil. Equal parts of end over oil and kern sene is sometimes applied with execilent results. But to offert a perfect cure will require time, weeks and pers have this privilege do not fail to give haps months, although in young them their regular feed. horses the disease is not so obstinute as in old ones. - [N. Y. Sun.

PLANTING DREES.

It is often difficult to keep mursers trees alive after planting, especially it linest and best of the old varieties, a transplanted at a droubly season, robust grower, and bears in protusion Valuable trees might often be saved by a knowledge of the right way to

See that the trees you buy have pienty of good roots, free from mutilation; but if the ends are broken they should be smoothly cut with a sharp knife. The trees should be set as soon as received. Have the earth loosened deeply, and let it consist of good soil-good enough for the growth of corn. He sure to have the hole large enough to admit the roots as they were in their original bed. First put a fine earth and spread the roots out on this. Return about half the earth and pour in a pail of water, mixing thoroughly around the roots. When this is done put in the rest of the earth and press down with the water reaches the roots when pour-d on the top of the ground, especially it

The ground must be highest next to the trunk of the tree. When well mulched with leaves or stable bedding,

the work is done. After trees are planted they should

are neglected they will not flourish of their own accord. - [American Farmer.

DGIVING DOWN" MILK.

A cow carries her milk from

one milking to the next, held firmly

through the udder. The valves which open and close the passages from these reservoirs to the tests are under the control of the will, but like the muscles which close the neck of the bladder, they are naturally and conto a great extent the fine flavor of stantly kept closed, and are only relaxed by a special effort of the will. At milking time these valves, by a relaxation of the cords which control them, are opened and the milk let down in a flood into the tents. This edges what practical farmers said long relaxation does not last long. After a little time the special effort to hold open the valves ceases, and they instinctively close again, shutting off the flow from the reservoirs and retaining in them any milk which may not have passed out. The habit of not "giving down" consists in shortening the time of this relexation, thus stopping the flow from the reservoirs to the teats before the milk is all drawn. The circumstances which tend to make a cow shorten this period of relaxation are rough treatment, fear, grief, solicitude, loud noises-in short, anything which attracts attention and makes the cow measy. The things inducing prolonged relaxation are comfort and quietade, and freedom from disturbance and excitement, together with the relief which the flow of milk occasions. When a cow has from any cause acquired a habit of dioragning the time of "letting down" it is very difficult, and sometimes impossible, to overcome it, says Farmers' Record. The best way is to avoid all occasions of disturbance, and observe well those which promote pleasure and quiet for the cow, and to milk as rapidly as possible onsistent with comfort, with a view to getting the milk out before the eletting down" ceases. Milking rapidly does not mean tecking down sharply, or moving with hasty of rregular motions in the presence of the coar. Such a course would counbreact the very thing aimed at. The autions of the milker should not be such as to actenet suspictors. They should be deliberate and enot, but nothing should be allowed to interrup or retard the work. This will produce continual relief to stor udder-The milker should bear constantly in mind the fact that the letting down is short, and that every moment should be used to the kest advantage. When

> TARREST AND GARDEN SOLES. Examine the young checks for lice.

the milk ceases to flow the milking

should stop at once, whether it is all

out or not. There is no good in

hanging on after the milk stops com-

ing, as it only curdivates the habit of

holding back." - American Pairy-

Make the heas work for their midday meal. Give plenty of pure drinking water

Give a full ration when the fowls are preparing to go to roost.

Ducks need a coayse, bulky food in

addition to their grain ration.

Poultry will never thrive where the cans or hea louses are damps.

If a late red current is wanted the Victorials not excelled for Northern

Clayer hav is one of the best of foods for hogs, though this fact is not

generally known. Lettment's greatly relished by all kinds of poultry. If possible, sow a

-mail patch for them. Let the hogs out in the clover musture, but while they are allowed to

For young pigs, food should be comparatively bulky to aid in the evtension of their digestive organs and

to make them good esters. The otaksa hydraugea is one of the

well-formed rose-colored flowers. If the digestion of the log has besome impaired from a constant feed of grain, cook the food, and it may result in the restoration of proper action of the stomach.

Hogs confloed in maddy runs take too much dirt into their system, and the animal, instead of increasing in size, decreases. The flosh of such hogs is not very palatable, either.

Winter feeding cannot be made as profitable as summer feeding. There' is no excuse for stocking hogs over. it takes more feed and costs more to fatten them up than it takes to raise a new litter of pigs.

The white pearl cucumber, it is claimed, is entirely distinct in its habit of growth, setting the cacumbers very close around the stem and maturing these early, then afterwards the vines continue to run and bear freely throughout the season.

Improving.

Uncle John-Have you learned to ride your new bicycle yet? Little Nephew-No, sir, not quite, but I've got so I can fall off without

AN OLD DUELING PISTOL

It Hus Seen 400 Years of Service and Is Still in Good Condition. Major Moore has among his collection of curios a dueling pistol which was brought to this country from England by one of the earliest settlers of Virginia. The weapon, which is a flint-lock, is fully 100 years old, and is still in good condition, and if capped with a bit of flint and loaded

ould be fired.

The pistol has a brass barrel, which unscrews about an inch from the flash-pan. To lead it the barrel is unscrewed, the powder poured in and rammed down. The barrel is then replaced and the bullet, about three times as large as a buckshot, I dropped in. The sight is on the side of the barrel, about midway between the trigger and the muzzle. Instead of sighting over a mint on the ex-treme top of the barrel, as one does when handling a modern revolver, the old pistol was held so that the sight was taken over the knuckles of

the person sighting it, says the Wash The pistol was manufactured 1 ' The pistol was manufactured 17 Ritano & Co., Lenden, and was brought to this country by a man named Mason, who was related to Lord Fairfax. It remained in the Mason family until 1679, when it was given to an old fisherman by Miss Mason, a grandstaughter of the man who brought it over from all En. who brought it over from old England. The old fisherman gave it away, and it finally found its way into the hands of one Detective Raff, who presented it to Major Moore.

The descendants of the possessor, Mr. Museu, still posessor, Mr. Missen, still freme on the farm on which he settled some 300 years ago in King George County, Va. How many affairs of honor this flingering eternity of a harbarous custom has fluored in is not known by its present owner, its history have ling become lost in the recent rapid changes of ownership.

His Method.

A good teacher never begins his work by impressing his jupils with a discouraging sense of his own knowledge, as compared with their ignor-ance. He knows a better way than that

How d've take t' th' new teacher Thew discussed the second of the four-tinguired Mr. El a Horbs of his four-tion-year-old nephew in thou after the commencement of the "tall term.

"Posty fa'r t' middifn' scholar, I goess he is," replied Billy diplomati-

cally
"Why, in ecurse, I calling he'd hey
I' be I' held seen a position as he
does," responded Mr. Hobbs, "but
what I mean is how much be re
goin't hearn it in the chap?
"Why, Unelle Ele," said the law,
with a shiewd smile on his freekled
face, "it don't appear t' be he special
'calcium what we beyon going git I'
know, sur's I can see. The main know, starts I can see. The nor plint is fer as 't get where we'll le be between doown te'ltrin' what heap he knows. An when he stearnt us that men't I guess he II quit Number 9, and I glit about for 'nother school."

Washington's I also Teeth-The putent office at Washington has one curiosity which is of no little interest to dentise and the manufac-turers of artificial toeth. It is a set of every teeth made for Gen. George Washington in 1700 by a dentist in New York named John Greenwood. Greenwood was set of the first den-tists in New York City, settling there

about 1785, and two years later carv-ing the double set of teeth for the "Father of His Country." He made two sets, the last below manufactured in 1795, after the first gave out, and it is said that the last set was buried with Washington. The first set was returned to Greenwa-1, and after his death was placed in the Government



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QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

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New York is said to be the bes market for English damask linen in

flourish in Aden, Arabia. During the last 29 years rain has only failen there A thimble is really etymologically

nal thimbles having been worn on the thumb. In Quito, the only city in the world

round. The custom of adoption is universal in Japan, where it is resorted to to

extinct. having the oldest soldler in the United

States, His name is Jonathan Pratt, and he is claimed to be 103 years old, In the time of Henry VIII. Parlia-

be sold for more than \$1.66 per 1000. A dish-washing machine has been for some time in use in a New York hotel. With two persons to attend

A large cave was recently discovered in Montana which contained the bones of hundreds of animals which had fallen into it and were unable to

Russia travels he carries his bed with him. He is so tall that no ordinary bed will enable him to stretch his legs.

Jay Gould's outlay in pocket-money amounts to about \$35 a month, and he rarely has more than \$10 in his c'othes. Nearly all his purchases are paid for in checks.

died during the last hour of the day, on the last day of the week, in the last month of the year and the last year of the century.

Labrador, a country which we always associate with Arctic snowdri 18, icebergs, etc., has 900 species of flowering plants, fifty ferns and over 250 species of mosses and lichens.

eran Church stands at Manheim, Penn, was granted to the congregation 120 years ago by Baron Henry Sligel for the consideration of the anmuch payment of one red rose.

The delvers among the wonderful it. nature have discovered an ice cave in Kilckitat county, Washington, It is said to be of enormous size, but pervailed by an atmosphere so intensely cold as to prevent thorough explora-

in New London, Coun., whose comhored ages are 512 years. Their family name is Comstock, and their Christian names are Emily, Orlando, Cordella, John, Frank, Ezra, and Steplien.

A stream near Tueson, Arizona, petrifies all soft substances thrown into it. It is in the great Colorado potato beetle belt, and at the time of their inigrations thousands of them strike the water and are converted into noted stone.

Varite is a chemical compound, the

invention of Max Eberhardt of Lucorne, and is stated to be nine times more effective than ordinary water in extinguishing fire, and among its other qualities possesses the remarkable faculty of conferring individuals virtually freproof. The impunity with which the exhibitors approached great masses of flame and appeared to be almost as if in their native element, was not the least remarkable feature of a recent display. With the hands dipped in this solution burning materials may be manipulated with perfect safety. The first experiment was supposed to represent the upsetting of a paradim lamp, the oil flow rog in a stream over the table clott, and immediately blazing up in a forious flame. By simply passing the hands over the burning cloth this flame was speedily extinguished, although the table itself had eaught fire and the exhibitor appeared to be in no little danger. In the next place a mass of pitch in a small pit was 1g nited, and allowed to get thoroughly alight, the smoke and flames rising up in volumes. The application of two buckets of valite had an almost magical effect, the flames dying done at once, while not only the fire but a ven the heat arising therefrom entirely disappeared. The same result for lowed in the case of a mass of burnmg rostn, which, blazing up furiously was instinutaneously excited asked by a single bucketial of the vance. (Boston Transcript-

Barn-Yards

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A Philadelphia church is making trouble seconse its pastor's misfit set of false teeth

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The leap-year girl might try him delicately with a little pur-corn.

because its pastor's misfit set of interfere with his enunciation.

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When terrified an ostrich will travel

the world. The umbrella business does not

twice. considered a "thumb bell," the origi-

on the line of the equator, the sun rises and sets at 5 o'clock the year

keep family names from becoming

Pasco county, Florida, boasts of

ment passed a law which declared that on and after that date pins should not

it, it washes one thousand dishes an hour.

escape.

When the Grand Duke Paul of

It has been said that Washington

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