

AGRICULTURAL



Soapsuds Effectual for Destroying Chinch Bugs.

Messrs. Editors: Among the many tribes of insects which devour the vegetable products of the farmer, that numerous species called chinch bugs are at present the most alarming.

If such is the result of their experiment, it is because the suds was not made strong enough; if made sufficiently strong and the bugs thoroughly soused, they will die in a short time, and pretty effectually so too.

I am, with much respect, Your obt' serv't, Amelia Co., Va. July 28, 1856.

Milk Sickness. Its Cause and Cure.

We clip the following from an Illinois exchange paper. As there are localities in this State where this disease is said to prevail,

I noticed some weeks since, an invitation in your paper to a discussion upon this subject; but as nothing has as yet appeared, I venture to break the silence, and assert at the outset, that the cause is known, and the cure has been tested.

The above is no hoax—it is the result of my own experience, and proves to my perfect satisfaction the truth of what I assert.

The happiest man in the world is the one with just wealth enough to keep him in spirits, and just children enough to keep him industrious.

A Fearful Scene With A Mad Sailor.

A most fearful scene was witnessed in the South Shields Market Place last night by a very large crowd of people, sailors and others, and the horror and alarm that prevailed for some time cannot be well described.

PROSPERITY.—We care not what a man's pursuit may be, he will prosper if he sticks to it. Fortune, to be won, must be besieged.

The decorative character now given to paper hangings renders them surpassingly beautiful as specimens of art.

A CHANGE OF SENTIMENT.—Vermont has become tired of anti-slavery excitement; she has had too much of the good thing, and is now calling lustily to stop negroes from coming.

THE DUTIES OF A CHIEF OF POLICE IN PARIS.—A Paris paper enumerates the following as part of the duties of the prefect of police in that city, besides attending to thieves and criminals:

The receipts of grain at this place during the last week have been over a million bushels, namely: 482, 184 bushels wheat, 496,495 bushels corn, and 157,301 bushels oats, besides 36,005 bushels of flour.

THE CUBA QUESTION.

The annexation of Cuba, sooner or later, is likely to become one of the absorbing questions of the day. The indications on the subject are not to be mistaken.

On another occasion the same distinguished statesman held this language: Our first and fundamental maxim should be, never to entangle ourselves in the broils of Europe.

SKETCH OF LUTHER BY CARLYLE.—A coarse, rugged, plebeian face it was, with great crags of cheek bones—a wild amount of passionate energy and appetite!

Dr. Staupitz, a wise and considerate man, said upon this, "Well, sir, Martin, if you must die, you must; but remember that they need good heads up yonder, too. So preach, man, preach, and then live or die as it happens."

TELEGRAPHIC UNION OF FOUR CONTINENTS.—Should the Atlantic Telegraph be successfully completed, Europe, Asia, Africa, and America will be brought into electric communication with each other, and a remarkable progress will have been made towards the civilized unity of the human race.

OUR BRAIN.—One of the most inconceivable things in the nature of the brain is, that the organ of sensation should itself be insensible. To cut the brain gives no pain yet in the brain alone resides the power of feeling pain in any other part of the body.

LAUGHTER.—Laughter is not altogether a foolish thing. Sometimes there is even wisdom in it. Solomon admits there is a time to laugh, as well as a time to mourn.

TAKE A SHOWER BATH.—Doctor—Well, how did your wife manage her shower bath, deacon?

N. C. STATE STOCKS.—At an opening of bids at the Treasurer's office a few days since, \$5,000 of North Carolina Coupon Bonds were bid for and awarded at a premium of one-third of one per cent.

THE GREAT RAINS OF 1858.—During the last six or seven weeks there has been a succession of deluging rains along this latitude from Kansas to the Atlantic, for which no recorded observations afford a parallel.

We cannot wonder at the floods of the Mississippi and its tributary rivers, under the extraordinary succession of deluges. One-third of the average rain fall for the year is brought within a period of forty days, and these are continuously cloudy days, also, so that little relief is given by evaporation.

Most of the measurements we find recorded are at points not touched by the tropical tornadoes which have been thickly interspersed over the whole country. At Beloit, Wisconsin, 10.3 inches were measured in May; at Ottawa, Illinois, 8.5 inches.

It is apparent that this excessive quantity of rain is derived from irregularities in atmospheric circulation, originated beyond the area of country visited, and even beyond the continent itself. The winds experienced at the time, or previously, had the least possible to do with the events, and the hundred tornadoes that appeared in various places from Kansas to the Atlantic, were but incidents of the general excess of moisture, and of the fall of that moisture in rain.

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The Sub-Marine Telegraph.

Anxiety is on the tip-toe of expectation, yet up to the moment of this writing, nothing has been heard from the fleet of vessels engaged in laying the sub-marine cable.

It is useless to enter into a discussion upon this subject at present. There is no probability that the contract will ever be made, for two reasons: First, the cable can never be worked if laid; second there are reasons—some of which have been known to the government—

Very respectfully, &c., &c., T. P. SHAFNER.

WEST VIRGINIA RAILROAD.—We learn that at the annual meeting of the stockholders of this Road, held in Hillsborough on Thursday last, the following gentlemen were elected Directors on the part of the stockholders.

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JUDICIAL DIGNITY.—The following conversation is said to have passed between a venerable old lady and a certain presiding judge in—

The candidates for Governor are now west of the Blue Ridge, their appointment to-day being at Burnsville, the county seat of Yancey county, and so on with appointments every other day up to the 24th.

The sounds of conflict come down to us; mellowed by the distance, and at times so faint as to be hardly audible. What is being said or done we can only learn casually, for newspapers and newspaper correspondents are not so plenty in the mountains as they are in the Eastern part of the State—perhaps upon the whole it is as well.

Mr. McRae would appear to be suiting his views, or at least the expression of them to the state of feeling in the mountains. But that will hardly take. News travels fast. Men are not so apt to go it blindly as might be supposed, and East and West will be pretty certain to understand each other before the fifth of August.

The local contest in the several counties and senatorial districts are becoming warmer and more exciting as the day of election approaches. Our New Hanover County candidate, open the ball to-day at Federal Point, and will go through until they have visited every precinct in the county.

With merely local questions outside of our own county we have always refrained from interfering, but we do not regard disorganization where the strength of the party may thereby be affected, as a local question. We are compelled to regret the position in which Thomas I. Faison, Esq., of Sampson, has unfortunately placed himself, in consenting to run against the nominee of his party for the Senate.

HAVE WE WIVES OR HUSBANDS AMONGST US?—Indiana, that State of convenient divorcing is absolutely overrun, they say, with "grass widows" from all parts of the Union seeking to be "disembarrassed" of their first love, and allowed to try an instalment of "free love" under legal auspices.

THE SUMMER TRAVEL PROMISES, now that the doctrine of women's rights is so much in vogue, to be extending in that direction. The taverns and hotels are in construction at the number of applications for single beds.

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