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ADVANTAGES OF IRRIGATION.

As one becomes more familiar with

the conditions under which the farmer in the irrigated tracts of the west works his land and handles his crops it is clear that he has several advantages over his fellow farmer in the central and eastern states, who relies upon rainfall alone for the moisture necessary for the growth and maturity of his crops. Perhaps his chief and most important advantage is that be is able to put water on his land at will, being free from the distraction and annoyance of heavy rains during the time of seeding and cultivation, which would soak the ground, delay cultivation and give the weeds a big boost. Coupled with a perfect regulation of the moisture which is allowed to go upon the land is another favorable condition-the large number of clear, bright days during the harvest months, which make possible the perfect ripening of the grain and hay and the harvesting and securing of it under most favorable conditions. Any one who has tried to cure hay between showers in June in the central and eastern states will appreciate this point. Lastly, the irrigated lands have this vital point in their favor-that little if any of the original fertility of the soil has been soaked out and washed out by repeated and heavy rains. This accounts for the remark able productivity of western solls. which have waited centuries for the magic touch of water to make them the garden spots of earth. In view of these points and others which might be mentioned, it is not surprising that many an eastern farmer looks long-ingly toward the west and many an-other pulls up stakes and goes out to

ORCHARD CULTIVATION.

the irrigated sections.

There is nothing which can be done for the young orchard which will tend to make it more thrifty and vigorous than to give it careful cultivation for the first few years after it is set. This result may be brought about to advantage by growing some crop between the rows of trees, such as straw- training of forest rangers. berries, potatoes, popcorn or, better still beans. The frequent cultivation given keep the ground loose and moist and keep the young trees from suffering should a hot and dry spell come in middle or late summer. If the orchard is an old one and blue grass and weeds have gradually worked their way in, good plan would be to give it a shallow plowing, so as not to injure the e roots, to disk frequently with extension or reversible disk until about the middle of July and then sow buck wheat and oats, which will come on and make a good winter cover crop. Next spring, if it is desired, the orchard may be thoroughly disked or plowed and sowed to clover. In Pa cific coast orchards, where there is no danger of injury from winter freezing the orchards are usually kept cultivated the season through.

STRINGENT MEASURES NEEDED It is becoming more apparent every year that the legislatures in all states which have the noxious weed problem on hand should pass laws making it an offense punishable by beavy fine for a farm owner to self any product of his farm which could possibly carry the foul seeds to adjoining farms. It is true that in some cases some such have are on the statute books, but they are either not enforced or else the penalty they provide is not sufficient to stop the nuisance. With many landowners waging an almost futile warfare against the worst weeds and their rance in new fields and localities each year, it is clear that stringent measures will have to be adopted to give relief. Men whose farms are not pet contaminated have the same in-terest in giving aid to the movement that people who are well do in seeing that a quarantine placed to prevent the spread of a loathsome disease to

CARE OF CHICKS. Little chickens are better off if they are not fed at all during the first twenty-four or forty-eight hours. This s due to the fact that by a provision of nature the yolk of the egg is the last portion to be absorbed in the change from egg to chick, and this contains sufficient nourishment to supply the little creature with all it needs during the time mentioned. The first food may be johnny bread crumbs, cottage cheese, chick feed and a little later cracked corn, while a little green food in some form should be furnished. Clean water and milk if available should be where the little fellows can get at them. Three things which should be remembered in the care of the little chicks is that they sho have dry and clean quarters, be kept free from the attacks of lice and not

slowed to ent wet, raw meal that bas A meion raiser of considerable expe risoce reports powdered tobacco as an effective check on the striped meion bug, while tobacco tea he finds sure death to all plant lice.

A mechanical quack grass extermi-nator has lately been put on the mar-ket, being a combination of plow and rotary rake, which pulls the roots of the grase free from the soil. He is indeed fortunate who does not have to investigate into the merits of this log is a discrip

A good part of California's success in fruit growing is said to be due to the fact that there are within her borders 45,000 Italians, who are usually rated as the most painstaking and successful horticulturists in the world. These people own 2,726 farms in the state, while the value of their fruit farms and business interests is placed at \$115,000,000.

A gasoline engine of a fairly\_docile type is a big improvement over the average windmill in that it is not put out of business by a windstorm and will jog along satisfactorily whether the wind is blowing or not. Besides this, when properly mounted it can be taken where the owner wills to saw wood, shred fodder, grind corn or do other useful tasks.

The country dog that rushes out at every passing team and sometimes frightens them into running away is an all round nuisance and should be suppressed. He can be broken of the habit when a puppy if he is larruped soundly every time be tries the trick, and if this does not effect a reform the owner would confer a favor on society by breaking the brute's neck

Stock cattle will get along very well under out of door conditions if only they are provided with a clean, dry place in which to sleep which is protected from storm and wind. Not only is the comfort of the animal, but its health as well, dependent upon this, and both will be decreased if it has to put up with a wet and nasty sleeping place. A way out under such conditions would seem to be the liberal use of straw, which will absorb the liquid manures and also increase materially the volume of fertilizer which can be bauled on to the hungry land.

The Charity Organization Society of Youngstown, O., has obtained the use of a twelve acre garden close to the town for cultivation during the summer. An experienced gardener will be put in charge, and work will be provided for all. The society has been through an experience which would undoubtedly have killed an organization less strongly and enthusiastically backed. It started work just at the height of the industrial depression last year. In consequence it was obliged to raise special relief funds, and its total budget exceeded by thousands the original and normal estimates.

The United States department of agriculture has decided on the location of a federal forestry station at Madison, Wis., which will be conducted in connection with the state experiment station. The work of the station will be directly beneficial to the lumber. papermaking and furniture interests of this section. Tests will be made of various kinds of wood for the manufacture of wood pulp, while methods will be studied for the more effective utilization of the pine stumpage of the north. When organized the station will offer a special course of study for the

There is hardly a creamery co nywhere which from the standpoint of dollars and cents merely could not well afford to supply all of its patrons with an annual subscription to some good dairy paper. The better methods which would doubtless be adopted in the handling and care of the cream as well as greater pains taken in the weeding out of unprofitable individuals in the dairy herd would combine to increase not only the quality but the quantity of the butter product. The more progressive dairymen in any community already take dairy papers, but many doenot, and in the case of these such a plan would bear good fruit.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt's plan of building in New York city four model tenement houses for tuberculous familie deserves praise. What the tuberculosis patient needs and what he can get only in a well conducted hospital or sanitarium is intelligent supervision of his sleeping quarters. According to Mrs. Vanderbilt's scheme, the families to be housed in her model tenements will be thus supervised until they can safely live elsewhere. A particularly valuable feature of her plan is the fact that it tends to keep the family together. The dispersion of the family undoubtedly has its bad effect upon the patient himself and frequently results in the separation of the entire family.

With eggs the past winter ranging all the way from 25 to 40 cents per dozen, it is possible there may be some who will want to put some nice fresh eggs down for future use. A method which gives better results than any other is putting the eggs down as fast as they are laid or can be secured in a water gines solution which is made by mixing one quart of sodium afficate to ten parts of water previously boiled, the solution being faixed while hot. The vessel used for the purpose should be of wood or stoneware, preferably the inter. Presh eggs put up in the above manner will keep remarkably well for ten months. The best time to lay by such a store of eggs to when they are the cheapest

The horses will be better off in ner yow or box stalls if they are supplied at all times of day and night with an abundance of bedding. If they have this they will lie down during the day and rest when not at work, while the cushion of straw will be much easter on their feet and legs.

The national apple show which was held some weeks ago at Spokane was exceptional in more points than one. It was the largest exhibition of apples ever held under one roof. A total of fifteen carloads of apples was on ex-hibition, amounting to 10,000 boxes. The total attendance at the exposition The national apple show which was

A western exhibitor who attended the National Berticultural exposition friend (not for publication) that even the pigs out in his country wouldn't be enught eating a Ben Davis or Wolf Biver apple if there were Winsamp or Jonathan trees about. The western hog is a discriminating fellow.

Probably there is no class of men who are today buying more automo biles than farmers, and it may be added that there is no class which can better afford to buy them. If this tendency keeps on it will not be long before farmers as a class, appreciating more fully than now perhaps the advantages of smooth, hard roads, will join hands in a definite campaign for road Improvement. The reform will come when both town and country fellows get after it seriously.

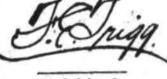
The undesirability of much land in the semiarid belt of western states is possibly due in some measure to the bad reputation which such lands have been given by men who wished to keep the use of large tracts for grazing purposes. In some sections this bias has taken the extreme form of a positive discouragement and even intimidation of settlers who so much as looked at these grazing preserves with the idea that they might prove useful for agricultural purposes. At the same time it is well to consider that vast areas in the west can never be utilized to advantage for anything but pastoral or grazing purposes,

Every progressive farmer should be, along with many other things, a student of the soil which it is his privflege to work. By the aid of suggestions for practical investigation which the soil specialists of his state agricultural college can give him he can inform himself sufficiently so as to get much better returns from his acres. One soil should receive a different may need tilling, another liming, while still another, cropped for years, may need re-enforcing with artificial or homemade fertilizers. All these conditions should be inquired into and measures adopted which will put the soil to rights.

Two problems which are of vital importance to the present day farmer and which will be even more so in the future are a conserving of the fertility of his land and the more economical use of the byproducts of his farm. The first object may be largely attained by adopting some sensible system of crop rotation, coupled with stock raising and dairying. The latter may be achieved by a more economic handling of the corn crop, and this is possible by means of the silo, which, apart from the economy it makes possible, furnishes the best possible ration for dairy cows and feeding cattle. Many farmers have realized this situation and have acted upon it. Thousands more should realize it before time to cut corn for the silo next fall.

Nature has provided a delicate auomatic plan for the regulation of the etting of fruit buds in certain varieties of fruit trees, like the apple. It consists in this-that the buds for the set, if at all, during the preceding seaon. Thus, if the tree has borne a heavy crop of fruit and had its vitality considerably taxed, the fruit buds set sparingly, thus acting as a safeguard against the tree overbearing itself. On the other hand, if the tree has had a layoff one season it usually sets full of fruit buds, the excess vi tality seeming to make this condition ossible. In the case of a tree that violated in that all the waning vitality it possesses seems to be put forth in a blind and pathetic effort to re roduce itself before it dies.

The grubs which are often found just under the skin on the shoulders backs and sides of cattle hatch from the eggs of the ox bottly, which are laid in the spring on the logs, heels and flanks of the animals and from these places are licked off by the tongue and taken into the stomach Here they hatch, the little grubs grad working their way through the flesh of the animal until they reach the hide on the back, where their presence is indicated by lumps of wellings, which open after awhile the grub finally escaping as a full fledged botfly, ready to repeat process. The grubs may be killed by rubbing down the lumps with a round stick. Later, as the opening appears, lard or oil will kill them. Sometime they may be forced out by grasping the skin firmly between thumb and finger and giving a sharp pinch. In such cases a little carbolle acid mixed with grease will hasten the process.



Musical Accent.

"Now, sir," said the barrister to the rusical expert witness, "you say the two melodies are the same, but differ ent. What do you mean by that, sir? "I meant the notes were the same but the accept different." "Accent! What is musical accent

Can you see it?"

"Can you feel it?"

"Yes." "Come, sir! None of this beating sbout the bush. Tell the court and jury the meaning of what you call so

"Accept in music is the same phasis in speech. If I were to say are an ass,' the accept rests on 'nee.' But if I were to say, You are an ses,' it rests on 'you.' This concluded the cross examins tion.-London Express.

And So May She Ever! Shwa given up candy and matiness And bridge, and she will not dance. But still from her new, with mischies

"What's the plural of hipp "Tou don't have to use any plural A hunter is incky to see one of Washington Star.

petriero in Paris to see a woman who lay in a bed in the dark. She was a woman whose body, nerves, brain, had been teased and tortured for years in psychic and occult experiment. What mental perturbation was racking that brain I did not know, and the physicians at her bedside did not know. With clinched hands and teeth and eyes open wide the woman lay there Her breathing was irregular and not deep. What we saw was this: A luminous halo of a vague orange hue that circled her head, even as in the old pictures of martyred saints you see the heads mooned with faded gold. This balo was fluctuant. It came and went. It was a light that flickered, grew,

THE LUMINOUS HALO.

Psychio Explanation of an Oft Wit-

I was summoned one day to the Salt-

nessed Phenor

fuded, formed itself anew. A miracle, this sureoled head? If you want to call it that Words are not of great importance. It was a miracle when it glowed around the bead of a martyr tortured in the arena, so tortured by pain and fear that his dissociated psychic centers produced the phenomenon of the exteriorization of luminous energy. Perhaps it were better to call it at

once a miracle and a prescientific fact -a'fact, that is, which is occult, but is in the way of becoming known. I asked Dr. Frere what he thought of this miracle,

"I have often seen it." he said. The field of his experiments was the madhouse at Bicetre. There many neurophysical treatment from another. One pathic patients abide, and often in cases of severe beadache or of religlous ecstasy he has seen these fluctuant aureoles around the bead.

"The rays are often twenty centime ters in extent, quite regular, forming a perfect aureole," he explained. There is, then, a form of energy en-

dowed with luminous properties emanating from the human body under certain conditions.-Vance Thompson in Hampton's Magazine.

THE LAND OF BIG GAME.

British East Africa as It Appears to the Hunter.

A brown village of thatched buts squatting in a trampled clearing of the forest and backed by thickset trees so closely laced with a living tapestry of woven green that the aching tropic sunlight can scarcely penetrate; slim, naked blacks slipping like shadows among the broad leaved bananas and rubber trees, staring furtively as your bearers file slowly past them; a lonely station for up or down river, where a haggard white man sits to receive tribute in the name of his trading company, marks an outpost of civilization in this jungle land. And through and under it all are the fevered glare of sunlight, the censeless drowsy whisproduction of fruit one season are per of the woods, the bot, dry scents of the parched earth, or, if the rains have come, all the land about will lie cloaked in steaming vapor, the sultry write poetry, and mammas sing poair as thick and humid as the sir of a etry, and little girls learn to say pogreenhouse at home. There you have etry, but nobody reads poetry. That the Kongo as the white man knows it isn't what it's for." the Kongo or the jungle of Uganda But all of this is only a part of what we have chosen to call and to picture as the dark continent.

For there, too, is the desert, widely different in all its aspects from Kongoland. On the slope of the rising ground that lifts from sea level at Mombasa and climbs to nearly 8,000 feet before it drops again to the lesser level of Victoria Nyanza is another vast waste as typical of Africa as this jungle country-the desert, as it is called, the plains of bush and grass. Bix months of the year-from October to Aprilit lies half drowned under tropic rains. From April to September only occa stonal showers fall, and the wide pla teau grills under the staring sunlight all yellowing in the glare. Here upon these uplands is found the great variety of big game, the vast herds of wild things that have made and still make Africa the greatest abooting country in the world. This is British East Africa as the bunter knows ft .-O. B. Taylor in Everybody's.

The milkman stood before her perously twirling his hat in his hands.

"So," she said sternly, "you have come at last." "Yes, madam. You sent for me, believe," he replied. "I wished to tell you that I found

minnow in the milk yesterday morn-"I am sorry, madam, but if the cow

will drink from the brook instead of from the trough I cannot help it."— Harper's Weekly.

A Queer Dish.

A great dish at Egyptian hare feasts is that of a lamb roasted whole After the manner of a nest of Chine lamb is stuffed with a whole turkey the turkey with a chicken, the chicke with a pigeon, the pigeon with a qual smallest bird known, except a humming bird. The lamb is roasted over a slow fire until it is almost ready to fall to pieces.

Try This. Pasten a key to a string and suspens it by your thumb and finger, and it will oscillate like a pendulum. Let some one place his hand under the key, and it will change to a circular motion. Then let a third person place his hand upon your aboulder, and the key becomes stationary.—London Ex-

The man who would rather be right than be president generally has his preference gratified.—Philadelphia Rec-

Retort Port What's the Use? old be strong some fetal weaknose grappies.

I posed once as a vegetarian—
Then found that I was eating wormy -Cloveland Leader.

"If I was a doctor," said Uncle Allen Spirks, "It would peakle me to know whether I ought to thank the Lord or not when I prosper in my tessiness."—Chicago Erffenn.

The First Electric Lights, John Hollingshead was the first man

to use electric light in London. In 1878 be installed six are lamps at the old Galety theater and startled the Strand. The price of gas shares fell immediately. The cost of the lamps was \$200 a week, and he ran them for nine months. An attempt to plant one inside the theater at the foot of the grand staircase was a failure. The women objected to the flerceness of the light. One of them, for instance, "pretended to be very auxious that the secret of her soft complexion should not be discovered." Professor Erasmus Wilson said of electric light at that time, "With regard to the electric light, much has been said for and against it, but I think I may say, without fear of contradiction, that when the Paris exhibition closes the electric light will close with it, and very little more will be beard about it." Hollingshead, by the way, had fitted up the Galety as early as 1860 with an electric searchlight, which finshed the length of the Strand. But be soon withdrew that for fear of scaring the

To Find Your Affinity. Your affinity is your mate, but unless you know the six types of happy married folks on Olympus, up to date, you may miss yours. Jupiter, king of beaven, ruler of men, house and business, must marry Juno, the queenly woman, plump, domestic, wise as Minerva, yet loving as Venus. Venus should mate with Apollo; but, being

fond of all men and usually pretty, a Venus woman marries any one, often several times. Marry and be petted and adored she must or die, Minerva, on the contrary, can be happy only with a Vulcan, a man her counterpart, wise, lofty, patient, a reformer, teacher and philosopher. Both have conempt for frivolity and meanness and vice. Most all of the elderly single women in the world, especially those descendants from Puritan or Calvanis tic stock, are single just because they are the Minerva type and too wise to

marry any one but Vulcans. And Vul-

can men, being the best of their sex, are scarce.-Nautilia.

Not What It Was For. When Miss Julia Bryant, daughter of William Cullen Bryant, was a little chad an aged lady, who was for s time a neighbor of the poet and his family, had been shown into the parlor of the house, where she was making her first call. She found the small Julia seated on the floor with an illus trated volume of Milton in her lap. Although she knew, of course, that it must be the artist, not the author, in whom at that early age the child was interested, she asked genially by way of beginning an acquaintance:

"Reading poetry already, little girl?"
Julia looked up and regarded her gravely. Then she explained, with an air of politely correcting inexcusable

ignorance: "People don't read poetry. Papas

Then He Landed.

"Beauty is a woman's most impor tant attribute," said a New Yor beauty doctor. "She who increase beauty is woman's greatest benefactor Husbands, brothers, even fathers-tr their inmost hearts beauty is the thin they desire most to see in their fem nine relations. Only the other day gray, fat old gentleman entered newspaper office and said:

"'Are you the managing editor?

"'Yea,' was the reply. "I suppose that on you, then,' sa the visitor, 'rests the respo this morning's reference to my daughter Putty as Fatty. Take that?"

An Ungallant Record. "I suppose," said the angular spi-

ter, "that you never had a romance?" "Dat's where youse is wrong," re-plied the unlaundered hobo. "I wunst had a sweetheart wot was a dead ringer for young "And did she die?" asked the angu-

lar spinster as she helped him to another bunk of pie.
"No, ma'am," answered the bobo When lenp year come round she asked me t' marry ber-an' I run away from home."-Chicago News.

Dead Heat.

achoolmaster who is in the habit of selecting extracts from his more newspaper for dictation exercise read the other day a passage in which oc-"Jones," said he, addressing an in-attentive pupil, "what do you mean by dead beat?"

"Please, sir," the youngster replied "it's the beat of the place bad people to when they're dead."-London

Giving Advice. Professor-What is the matter with Mr. -- 7 Learned Student-He is seriously af-

flicted with a paroxysmal inflame tion of the vermiform appendix. Votce From the Bear Seat-Aw, cut Caustio. "Does your representative in co gress entertain much?"
"No," answered the caustic constit

ent, "he doesn't entertain; amuses."-Washington Star. His Definition "Pa, what is an 'interior decorator?

"I'm not quite sure, Wilfred, but I think it's a cook."—New York Times. Every individual is a marvel of unand unrealised possibilities

"If I should lend a 'ten' to you and you'd keep every cent. That would be a lent sacrifice And also keeping lent." "May I would oall H neither one. Though you may think me dull if you'd lend me a 'ten,' I'd shy It was a mireata".

Pleasant Hill Temperance Society. The Seventy-Sixth Annual Meeting.

The seventy-sixth aunual meetng of the Pleasant Hill Temperance Society was held at Pleasant Hill church in Southern Alamance on Saturday, July 3rd.

The occasion brought out a large crowd, the weather was fine and the best of order prevailed hroughout.

We were highly favored in having with us as orator of the day, Mr. John A. Oates of Fayetteville, leader of the Anti-Saloon League forces in the recent Prohibition campaign, who addressed the meeting on "Pathfinders in His-

women, who have led mankind into new lands and hitherto unknown possibilities of mind and human endeavor and expressed the very highest regard for the character wherever found who stands by the right regardless of consequences. The speaker incidentally referred to the men and women who organized and stood by the Pleasant Hill Temperance Society, who in the midst of opposition and ridicule so faithfully advocated and practiced the principle of total abstinence and so impressed their lives and teaching that there has come down to us one unbroken chain of temperance sentiment, the fruit of which remains. He closed with an earnest exhortation to the young people to build lives after the pattern of Paul's ideal, true, honest, just, pure, of good report, since these alone have an inheritance above.

Promptly at the close of the address the society went to the site of the old meeting house in which the first meetings of the organization were held, where a stone was unveiled containing a bronze tablet with the following inscription:

its organization

Erected 1909 by the Pleasant Hill Temperance Society in commemoration of

The curtain of stars and stripes OBERVER is. Subscribe for it at vas drawn by our oldest member, once and it will keep you abreast of the times. who joined the society in 1834, and has served in every capacity as officer, and been a most loyal member throughout, Mr. John M. Stout, who on the 6th of last all the time. April passed his 99th milestone. Two little girls, Violet and Jewel Albright, great-granddaughters of Weekly North Carolinian \$1 Wm. Albright, one of the leadper year, 50c for 6 mos. ing members of the society during

the first 25 years of its existence, laid white flowers at the foot of RALBIGH, N. C. the stone. Rev. W. L. Wells, pastor of the church, read from Joshua, fourth chapter, and offered prayer, after which the company joined in singing the Temperance Doxology. We much regretted that our GLEANER office. Graham, N. C.

aged friend, Mr. Jacob Garrett, a member and active worker for over fifty years, at whose suggestion the stone was erected, was unable on account of sickness to be present.

It is perhaps superfluous to say in a county paper that this old temperance society, now past three-quarters of a century, is not only the oldest in the county, but also in the State, at least all claims of priority have been refuted thus far. It is a matter, I feel sure, on

the part of all who feel interested in the moral uplift of the people, to know that we have had in our midst in continuous service for over 75 years this organization which has proved to be a strong factor for good, and many no doubt feel a pardonable pride in the fact that in this, as in some other good things, Alamance scores another first.

Long may the old Pleasant Hill Temperance Society live and prosper. EULA DIXON.

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