Nails may be greatly improved, both in shape and color, by proper attention. The best appliance is a nail brush used in water softened by the addition of a little borax, and really fine toilet soap.

be allowed to grow up on the nail.

ly off gives the-finger end a stubby woods and fields which was not comlook. The corners should be carefully pletely perforated with the holes out and closely cut, the center left rather of which the insects had come. They shape.

The nail is susceptible of a high degree of polish by rubbing with the cust," said Prof. Riley, of the agricultowel when drying the hands.

against which children should be "one appears every thirteen years, and carefully guarded. It is ruinous to the other every seventeen years. By the very structure of the nail, and a coincidence both broods are to aponce acquired, is one of the most pear together this year, but not in the difficult habits to break. This is evidenced by the fact that some men and women, but more especially men, have a habit of biting their nails when reading or studying, of which they are perfectly unconscious.

Words of Wisdom.

He who is never guilty of folly is not so wise as he imagines.

Prosperity unmasks the vices; adversity reveals the virtues.

An indiscreet man is like an un sealed letter-every one can read it. Some persons mistake noise for argument.

They that govern most make least

unfit to rule.

The first ingredient in conversation is truth, the next good sense, the third, good humor, and the fourth

Envy is a passion so full of cowardice and shar that nobody ever had the confidence to own its posses-

The time for reasoning is before we have approached near enough to

He who is false to the present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and wil see the effects when the weaving of a lifetime is unraveled.

the forbidden fruit to look at and ad-

Items of Interest.

United States having a population of ticular day; and he may go back in over 30,000.

San Francisco contains 31,000 more men than women in a total popula- that the woods of New Jersay rattled tion of 233,956.

The pearl oyster is found in the Persian Gulf, and on the coast of Morocco, Ceylon and Japan.

Of the 600,000 male adults in Illi nois, 400,000 drink beer, wine and whisky, and of these 40,000 drink to

watching Indians in the Western as ten or twelve feet. The season for our luxuries.

silver than the like coin of the Brit- though not so materially as one might before last over \$10,000 worth of fish, PATENTS. In connection with the made of two plates of solid gold (one outside and one inside) covering every part exposed to wear or

been found. In Germany quite a num- of the country, which they generally says they have an advantage over ber of steel sleepers are in use, and leave by the 4th of July. As is the seines, as those who use them are not in England the advisability of sub- case with a great many other insects, so much exposed to the water; besides, by writing to Munn & Co. We also send free stituting wrought iron for wood the males make their appearance sev- they do not impede the channel and

the Northwest, composed of nine part of the cicada season, though the tween the rock and shad fish was ef-States and one Territory, has a popu- woods are still full of females, the feeted during last season. What the ton, D. C. lation of 12,184,664. Of the increase song of but very few males will be name of this new hybrid is we cannot since the last cer sus one-third of the heard." amount lies in these States,

Even so inflammable a thing as cotton can now be used for the con-Some persons insist that the finger struction of fireproof buildings, It is embodied in a ancient rhyme. nails are signs of character. The slen- converted into a paste-by chemical treatment-which becomes as hard as stone. It is molded into large slabs, accompanied by a shrewish temper, and designated as architectural cot-

> A GOOD YEAR FOR LOCUSTS. Professor Riley Predicts that the Locusts will Swoop Down Upon the Country Next Summer-Interesting

> > Facts About These Insects.

This is to be a good year for locusts In the Southern States they will be particularly abundant, and it is more than probable that the woods in Ma-In well-brushed and well-cared for ryland, Virginia and the District o nails the little curtain-like rim which Columbia will resound with their ratsurrounds them is well pushed or tling song. This will be unwelcome rolled back, displaying generally a news to the farmers and florists, who delicate little crescent at the root, know, from sad experience, the de-The skin of the finger should never structive character of these insects. It will be remembered that in the sum-In paring and trimming the shape mer of 1868 the locusts were particugiven should always be as long an larly abundant in this locality. There oval as possible. To cut a nail squar- was hardly a foot of ground in the long, so as to give the long oval were everywhere and ate up everything, causing an amount of damage In cleaning the nails the knife which is still fresh in the minds of should never scrape off the inner sub- agriculturalists. They will not apstance of the nail, as this renders the pear this season in such great quanti edge opaque and muddy in appear- ties, but in the year 1885 this vicinity ance, whereas it should be transpa- will be again afflicted by an abundant visitation.

"There are two breeds of the lotural department, to the Post reporter, The habit of biting the nails is one who called upon him for information

"In what localities?"

"The seventeen year locust will be particularly plentiful in Marquette and Green Lake counties Wisconsin, and may also appear in the western part of North Carolina, in Northeast Ohio, and a few in Lancaster county, Pa., and Westchester county, New York, They will also be abundant in the neighborhood of Wheeling, and will probably extend down into Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Of this, however, I am not quite sure. The thirteen year brood will, in all probability appear in Southern Illinois, throughout Missiouri, with the exception of Arkansas. Indian Territory, Kentucky, Ten-He that too much fears hatred is nessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and North and South Carolina." "What is the difference between the

two brouds?" "Do you mean in appearance? Ve-

ry little, and one is very apt to confound them."

"Are the locusts to be depended upon as recurring in regular periods?" "Yes, sir. Observations extending for more than 200 years prove that they never fail. The earliest appearance of the periodical cicada, or locust, so far as we have any record, occurred at Plymouth, Mass., in 1634. Each seventeen years they have appeared again without fail. The naturalist calculates as confidently on the future appearance of the locust in a given month, in a given year, for all time to come, as the astronomer does There are sixty four cities in the an eclipse or a transit on some partime when none but savage men dwelt on this continent, and feel confident with the hoarse cry of this insect in the month of June, seven year; after

"Where does the locust reside, so to face of the earth?"

sleepers is being seriously discussed. eral days before the females, and also prevent the free passage of fish. That part of the country known as disappear sooner. Hence, in the latter We are informed that a cross be-

Do not the females sing?

"No, the musical organs are posses sed only by the males. This fact was

Happy the cicada's lives, For they all have voiceless wives." "How is the music produced?"

"The rattling noise is produced by system of muscles in the lower part of the body, which work on the drums under the wings by alternately tightening and loosening them. The general noise on approaching infested woods is a compromise between that of a distant threshing machine and a "Whew, I guess not. He would shoot distant frog pond. That which they make when disturbed mimics a nest of young snakes or young birds under similar circumstances-a sort of scream They can also produce a chirp somewhat like that of a cricket, and a very loud shrill screech, prolonged for fifteen or twenty seconds and gradual. ly increasing in force and then de-

"Is it true that the locust stings?" locust sting," answered the professor; locusts you hear of people being stung, cratic ticket .- News & Obs. and newspaper accounts of such accidents are by no means infrequent. have known people who denied-themselves the pleasure of eating blackberries and other fruits, because they feared these fruits had been poisoned by the eggs of cicadas; while others believe that they poison the water. So far as I can find, all these reports are false or greatly exaggerated, and the great majority of them are pure imagination."

"Are they not capable of doing an immense amount of damage?"

"Yes, sir, they have destroyed whole apple orchards and vineyards. The worst of it is that there is no way to get rid of them when they make their appearance in large numbers and have attained full size and powers of flight. The only possible method is to allow poultry and hogs to devour them just after they come up out of the ground and are in a helpless condition,"

"There is a good deal of superstition," remarked the reporter, "about the W on their wings."

"I have noticed that," Prof. Riley answered, "some ignorant persons are silly enough to believe that it portend's war. It occurs alike, though not to such a marked degree, on all other cicadas, and if people must have an omen let them take the two W's for warm weather, and it will not be likely to disappoint them." - Washington

Our Fish Interests.

We interviewed Dr. J. G. Bryan, of Washington, N. C., who was in this city yesterday, on the subject of fish and the fishing interest. He says unless some kind of protection is given to the propagation of fish, that they will be entirely exterminated in a few years. He thinks that the present embargo of two lay days during the week is insufficient, and really does but little good, the increase being hardly perceptible. He recommends that no fishing be allowed during the month of May, this being the spawning season. As an evidence of the success of this proposition, he says that during the late' war, when there was searcely any fishing at all, the increase of fish was almost incredible, and that at one of his fisheries, soon after the war, he made a "catch" of over sixty thousand fish at one hand being more than he has caught at the same place and with the same scine for the last two years altogether. The only remedy for this is to leave enough the birth of Christ, just as they did in for seed. Mr. Clay said, very truthfully, "that we must not cat up the seed corn." The probability is, that speak, during his absence from the if there is no fishing done during the month of May, they will soon be re-"He is then under the earth, in the stored to their former numbers. The shape of a worm, living on the sap of Doctor believes that artificial propa- and interesting facts in Agriculture, Hortical. During the past lifteen years the United States government has spent over \$22,000,000 in fighting and watching Indians in the Western Indians Indian

The American dollar contains more differs somewhat with the latitude, on Pamlico River. He shipped year Co., Publishers, 37 Park Roy, New York. as the period during which they in the fishing business. He thinks cial notice is made in the Scientific American A new use for iron and steel has emerge from the ground, in many parts well of what is know as "Dutch nets;" of all inventions patented through this agency, with name and residence of the patentee.

shadrock .- News & Obs.

Of the twenty-eight new iron furnances completed in the United States last year, six were located in Virgin. in and five in other Southern States. Four new furnaces are now in course of construction in the South, and three more are projected,

There is a marble lamb on the tombstone of an old Galvestonian, and when Gilhally saw it for the first time he exclaimed: "How appropriate! Was he of a gentle' disposition?" in a minute, but he always overfed himself on spring lamb and green peas. That's what killed him, I reckon."

Judge Buxton having been mentioned in connection with Garfield's cabinet, the association of Tennessee Republicans at Washington have taken strong grounds against him, denouncing him as disloyal during the war and recalling that the Judge de-"There is a widespread fear of the clared just prior to the Presidential conventions that were Grant or Blaine fevery time there is an abundance of numbrated he would vote the Demo-

> One of the curiosities (Republican) developed by the census is that Ohio. in the late Presidential election, cast 20,071 more votes than she had male citizens over twenty-one years of age, and Indiana cast 29,033 more votes than there were yoters in the State. This will probably account for these two States giving Republican majorities, and it also accounts for the reason why the Republican Congressmen of these States want the apportionment made on the basis of voting instead of population as is required by the constitution -- Winston Sentinel.

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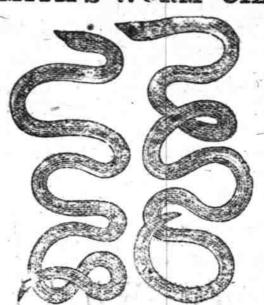
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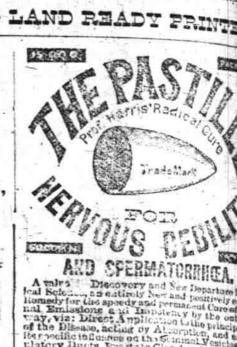
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