AGRICULTURAL.

Cutting Off Corn.

In cutting off corn preparatory to seeding the land in wheat, a mistake is often made in cutting it too high, thus not only leaving the stubs to bother the seeding, but occasioning a loss of from 10 to 20 per cent. of material which, if properly saved and converted into manure, would more than pay for the little extra labor of cutting lower. Another thing, the higher the stalks are cut the lower will be the shocks, and, consequently, the nearer the ground the ears, and the more the liability to the depredations of pigs, fowls, field-mice, &c., as well as to damage from rains and dampness, all of which is avoided by not cutting so high.

Making Fence-Posts Last.

A Western farmer says that he has discovered a model by which the part of fence-posts buried in the ground can be made to last longer than iron. Time and weather seem not to affect it. Posts can be prepared for less than two cents apiece. The recipe is to take boiled linseed oil and stir in it pulverized charcoal to the consistency of cream, and apply a coat of it to the lower half of the post a few days before setting.

Clover as a Preparatory Crop.

When clover is followed by wheat, a large yield of the latter is one among the certainties, and the farmer should remember that when clover is to be followed by corn and wheat, one succeeding the other, it is best to put the wheat first and the corn second, as the land will return a larger and surer crop of the two than when the clover is followed by corn and then by wheat.

Mushrooms in Caves.

Gov. Blackburn, of Kentucky, has recently been presented by the manager of the Mammoth Cave, in that State, with a box of the finest size and quality of mushrooms, the largest weighing seven ounces and five drachms. The growing of mushrooms in caves is but a recent experiment, and the samples alluded to above attest the success of the novel enterprise. An article on the subject in Johnson's Cyclopedia says: "The mushroom is used to a great extent as an article of food in France, and especially in Paris, around which city it is largely cultivated, old, deserted mining caves having been appropriated for the purpose, and many miles of mushroom beds reached by the aid of ladders and lanterns. Specimens are mentioned weighing as much as 14 pounds."

Grass on Poor Land

To get grass started on poor land the land should first be well cultivated and then top-dressed with what manure can be had, however small the quantity, to be well harrowed in and the grass seed (whether clover or timothy) sown without any grain. It is a mistaken notion that some grain should be sown with the grass in order to protect it from the sun. The moisture which the grain extracts from the land is of more importance to the grass than any shading could possibly be. It may probably contain some weeds the first year, but after that it would be a rare thing to find any to interfere with the grass.

Fruit Culture.

Mr. Cassidy, of Petaluma, has some pear trees of choice varieties, which, for a few years, have so degenerated that the fruit became unmarketable. Year before last he drove old nails freely into two "Flemish Beauties." The most surprising effects are shown this season. The trees bore, were loaded with full size pears of fine flavor and nearly free from insects, previously so destructive.

Over one thousand hands are picking hops in Mendocino, a county on our northern coast. A plantation of 575 acres has on this year's crop a clean profit of $132 000.

In Fresno county, southeastern California, Chinamen have a monopoly of the fruit business. They pay so much a tree, long before the fruit ripens. They estimate closely. They pick and box, peddle, cure, dry and market the fruit. In this way they buy up whole districts. Saxon, of Los Angelos, having unprofitable peach trees, grafted one with buds from a lemon tree last year for experiment. Many are now bearing full-sized lemons a month earlier than other trees.

There are now in Los Angelos thirteen and a half million grape vines in bearing, and five millions more will be planted in the next rain season. A very extensive market is now opened in Denver for Los Angelos ripe grapes. Heavy capitalists have gone into the business.

A Live Lizard in Indiana Stone.

On Friday of last week, while getting out stone in his quarry, a mile south of Kokomo, George W. Defenbaugh made one of the most wonderful discoveries probably of the present age. It became necessary to split a massive slab of stone when, to his great surprise, he found firmly imbedded in the solid rock a species of lizard of light color, with eyes, but apparently sightless, alive and active. When first found it did not appear to possess any life, but in a few moments was very lively. The lizard had been imbedded in this stone prison house for perhaps hundreds of years, feeding on nothing and lying in a comatose condition. Scientific men consider the find most wonderful. The lizard is now alive and in the possession of Mr. Defenbaugh.

The vino solido, in the form of a paste, exhibited at the Milan Exposition, made, it was asserted, when dissolved in water, a generous wine, with an agreeable bouquet.

Idlers as Inventors.

It is popularly supposed that in order to invent a machine for any particular purpose one must be an expert in the particular business for which the machine is designed. To a certain extent this belief is correct, but it somehow happens that many of the most valuable inventions are the works of mechanics and operatives of machinery, but it is asserted that a great many valuable inventions have been brought out by men who had no practical experience either as mechanics or operatives in the line of their inventions. It frequently happens that persons who have no special knowledge of machinery, when looking at the performance of some engine or other machine discover a chance for improvement and drop suddenly into the highway to fortune.

The writer has just had an interview with a young man recently graduated at a medical college. His mind is not on pills or amputations; but he fancies he can see opportunities for improvements all around him, and he is now developing several important railway inventions, a sheet music turner, and several other devices not in any manner connected with his chosen profession. One would suppose that his inventive genius would turn to surgical and dental instruments, artificial limbs, etc; but he, like thousands of others, leaves his chosen path, seemingly led astray by some invisible power over which he has no control. A man with no calling or profession is usually called a "loafer;" yet many valuable inventions have been produced by such men.

One of the greatest inventions, without doubt, that the world has ever seen was whittled out by an idler in a few minutes. He caught the idea by seeing a man trying to get an implement repaired. He saw the affair was imperfect, improved it, and revolutionized the world in its most important industry. He was no longer called a loafer, and although long deceased, he is now, and will be as long as the world exists, regarded as one of the greatest inventors ever known. It is by no means meant that all inventors are men of no steady occupation; but it is an undeniable fact that many of our most valuable inventions are from the brains of men who were considered as idlers and of no account.

This is not mentioned to cast any reflection on inventors as a class; for it is well understood that we are wholly indebted to them for the wonderful progress the world has made and is making, but to encourage that class which have no confidence in their inventive abilities, and therefore make no efforts. In many communities the man who gives his time to the perfecting of some device is styled a "lazy good-for-nothing;" but when he finds himself successful, his old acquaintances are pleased to know him. It will be seen that our inventors range from millionaires down to loafers, or rather *vice versa*. Perhaps the term "loafer" is hardly appropriate; but as there are so many of them who ultimately take their places in the ranks of the industrious and wealthy, some allowance may be made for the seeming slur on a very worthy class of people.

The mechanic who has to win bread for himself and family has hardly time to devote to inventing; but the idle man, who has nothing to do, if he keeps his eyes open, carries off the prize in many instances. But there are many who have an idea that they cannot invent because they are not possessed of means to develop their ideas. They look ahead to those who have been successful, and say, "I wish I could invent something." Our successful inventors were not of this stamp, and this is written to encourage all who have a taste for invention to reach for a successful development of their ideas and put them in practical shape. To conclude, our inventors are men of pluck, and may be regarded as our best citizens, even if they were once idlers.—[Scientific American.

A Beautiful Story.

Coleridge relates a story to this effect: Alexander, during his march into Africa, came to a people dwelling in peaceful huts, who knew neither war nor conquest. Gold being offered him, he refused it, saying that his sole object was to learn the manners and customs of the inhabitants.

During this interview with the African chief, two of his subjects brought a case before him for judgment. The dispute was this: The one had bought a piece of ground which, after the purchase, was found to contain a treasure, for which he felt himself bound to pay; the other refused to receive anything, stating that he had sold the ground with what it might be found to contain, apparent or concealed.

Said the chief, looking at the one, "You have a son," and to the other, "You have a daughter; let them be married and the treasure given them as a dowry."

Alexander was astonished.

"And what," said the chief, "would have been the decision in your country?"

"We should have dismissed the parties and seized the treasure for the king's use."

"And does the sun shine in your country?" said the chief; "does the rain fall there? Are there any cattle there which feed upon the herbs and green grass?"

"Certainly," said Alexander.

"Ah!" said the chief, "it is for the sake of those innocent cattle that the Great Being permits the sun to shine, the rain to fall and the grass to grow in your country."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Concerning Promissory Notes.

Can a note be collected by law that is dated and signed May 30, or July 4, or December 25, or any other legal holiday, Sunday included?

The validity of a note is not impaired by the fact that it is signed on Sunday, if it is not delivered on that day. There is no general rule of law invalidating commercial paper if executed on the other holidays you mention.

When a note comes due on May 30, or July 4, or December 25, or Sunday, and it goes to protest, can the bank hold the maker of the note for the protest fees?

Notes do not come due on Sunday or other holidays. Whenever the last day of grace falls on a Sunday or other holiday the note becomes due and payable on the preceding day.

If you tender pay for a note on a legal holiday and the money is refused, does it release the maker of the note from paying the same?

The supposition that a man would refuse to take money on a legal holiday is rather absurd. The tender you mention would have to be kept good, and the maker could not escape liability, even if the payee improperly refused to accept payment in the first instance.

If I gave a check dated Sunday or any other legal holiday, payable to order on a bank where I had money on deposit, and the bank paid the same on presentation, could the bank hold me for the amount?

The bank could hold you for the amount it paid out on your order upon a check dated Sunday.

Should the banks always take notice of the dates on the paper they take, so as to see if it is dated on a legal holiday?

A bank should take notice of everything on the paper it receives.

If I should make sale of a piece of land and execute the deed on Sunday or any other legal holiday, if properly recorded, is the deed binding on myself or my heirs?

The sale of a piece of land and the execution and delivery of a deed therefor on Sunday would be deemed unlawful in most of the States having statutes providing for the better observance of the Lord's Day.

Domestic Disturbances.

Every married man knows that the majority of women are not quite happy unless they have a little quarrel now and then with the male victim who chances to be nearest at the time. Husbands (especially when new to their happiness) are often puzzled to know what makes the angel cross, or to put it expressly, 'cantankerous.' They ask the cause, but they are fenced off until a chance occurs for treading on their corns, and then the quarrel begins in real earnest. A lady of this delightful complexion is completely happy if she can wind up with a good cry. The dear creature dissolves into tears, and the man feels himself at once a brute. This is her revenge. There is nothing now for the husband but absolute submission and a full acknowledgement of his being in the wrong. A woman has lost her ground forever if a pocket handkerchief applied to her nose fails. Few are stupid enough to play this card until their adversary becomes disgusted with the trick; it is generally kept back until the right time, and then used with a vengeance. The fascinating hypocrisy of the sex is shown in nothing with such grace as in the periods which immediately ensue after a tiff. To the visitor, or the casual diner, there is no indication whatever of the disturbance. If a symptom is shown at all it is by the husband, who has not the same faculty as his wife of smoothing his feathers when ruffled. He is puzzled and disconcerted. For the sake of his own peace, be will, if he is wise, study the disposition of his wife, and cautiously mark her foibles of temper, for the best wives have certain weaknesses which it would be unfair, and rather uncomfortable, to ignore. If they would only discover them to us before marriage! But this is not the custom; such frankness would be almost fatal to the institution. Beside, after all, women with tempers are more tolerable than women without—they possess both action and spirit; while the tame, equable, colorless creature has neither. A landscape seen in perpetual sunshine or moonshine would be dull; it is a relief to see it, from time to time, stirred by the wind, or in the light of a flushed and angry sunset. Is this the reason why poets so often marry shrews?

Their Origin.

The origin of the names of many kinds of dry goods is thus given: Damask is from the city of Demascus, satin from Zaytown in China, calico from Calcutta, and muslin from Mosul; buckram derived its name from Bochara; fustain comes from Fostat, a city of the Middle Ages, from which the modern Cairo is descended; taffeta and tabby from a street in Bagdad; cambric is from Cambrai; ganza has its name from Gaza, baize from Bajae, dimity from Damietta, and jeans from Jaen; drugget is derived from a city in Ireland, Droghead; duck, from which Tucker street in Bristol is named, comes from Torque, in Normandy, diaper is not from D'Ypres, but from the Greek diaspron, figured; velvet is from the Italian vellute, woolly (Latin, vellus—a hide or pelt); shawl is the Sanscrit sala, floor, for shawls were first used as carpets and tapestry; bandanna is from an Indian word, meaning to bind or tie, because they are tied in knots before dyeing; chinz comes from the Hindoo word chett; delaine is the French of "wool."

Signing the Declaration.

In looking at the signatures to the Declaration, not one is written with a trembling hand, except Stephen Hopkins. It was not fear that made him tremble, for he was as true a patriot as any of them, but he was afflicted with the palsy.

But one of the residences of the signers is attached to his name, and that is of Charles Carroll. It is said some one was looking over his shoulder when he wrote his name, and said to him, "There are several of your name, and if we are unsuccessful they will not know whom to arrest." He immediately wrote "of Carrollton," as much as to say, if there is reproach connected with this, I wish to bear my share; if any danger, I am ready to face it. There was genuine patriotism.

It was rather amusing, after they had signed their names, to hear Benjamin Franklin say to Samuel Adams: "Now, I think we will all hang together." "Yes," said Mr. Adams, "or we shall all hang separately." Many have supposed that all the names were signed on the 4th of July, 1776. Not so. It was signed on that day by the President, John Hancock, and with his signature it was sent forth to the world. On the second day of August it was signed by all but one of the fifty-six signers whose names are appended to it. The other attached his name in November.

The signers of the Declaration of Independence were all natives of American soil with the exception of eight. Sixteen of them were from the Eastern, or New England, Colonies, fourteen from the Middle and eighteen from the Southern Colonies. One was a native of Maine, nine were natives of Massachusetts, two of Rhode Island, four of Connecticut, three of New Jersey, five of Pennsylvania, two of Delaware, five of Maryland, nine of Virginia and four of South Carolina. Two were born in England, three in Ireland, two in Scotland, and one was born in Wales.

Twenty-seven of the signers had been regularly graduated in colleges, or about one-half. Twenty others had received a thorough academic education, and the remainder had each been taught at a plain school or at home. Of the fifty-six signers twenty-five had studied the institutions of Great Britain while sojourning in that country. All had something to lose if the struggle should result in failure to them. Many of them were very wealthy, and with very few exceptions, all of them were blessed with a competence.

Thirty-four of the signers were lawyers, thirteen were planters or farmers, nine were merchants, five were mechanics, one was a clergyman, one a mason, and one a surveyor. The youngest member of Congress when the Declaration was signed (Rutledge) was twenty-seven years of age; the eldest one (Dr. Franklin) was seventy. Forty-two of the fifty-six were between thirty and fifty years of age; the average age of all was forty-three years and ten months.

They all lived to a good old age. The average of fifty-three at the time of their decease was over sixty-eight years. The last survivor was Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, being over ninety when he died. Fourteen signers lived to be eighty years old, and four past ninety. The pen used by the signers is preserved in the Massachusetts Historical Society at Boston. What tales that pen could speak! What a history there is connected with it!

Not one of the signers ever fell from the high estate to which the great act had elevated him. It has been well said that the "annals of the world can present no political body the lives of whose members, minutely traced, exhibit so much of the zeal of the patriot, dignified and chastened by the virtues of the man."

The Lime-Kiln Club.

The peach stones ceased rattling round the hall, the windows went down, the munching of peanuts was hushed, and Brother Gardner had a firm hold of the platform with his toes as he arose and began:

"A resident of my nayburhud died de odder day, an' dis ebenin' de committee pinted to write an eulogy on his character war' showing me a draft of what dey had prepar'd. De eulogy am in seckshuns, an' I will quote it to you:

"He was a man who did not gib to de poor wid one han' an' steal from de taxpayers wid de odder.

"He nebber gin a dollar to de heathen in Africa, but he allus paid his debts in America.

"While he did not purfess to be a perfek Christian, he remembered dat only one seat belonged to him when he trabbled.

"He made no great adoo 'bout his honesty, an' yit he remembered when an' whar' he borrowed a shovel or a hoe.

"He did not call hisself better dan his fellowman, an' yit he had a kind word fur a boy wid a sore toe an' a ton of coal fur a naybur wid a broken leg.

"He felt dat he had a duty to do by de church, an' yit he entered a circus by de front deah, an' de soun' of a fiddle put new speerit into his feet.

"If he did not sing his hymns from de housetops, neither did de world h'ar what he said when he arrove home an' foun' his wife sick a-bed, de hired gal gone, an' de baby howlin' wid a paper of pins in his mouf."—[Free Press.

Henry W. Grady writes in the Atlanta Constitution that "the two coming men of Georgia are Representatives Blount and Hammond. I will lay a dollar to a doughnut," he says, "that Blount will be Governor and Hammond will be Senator before five years have passed."

The Traveled Lady.

A jaunt over a railway is often as good as a trip to the minstrels. Last week we took a spin over the Michigan Central, and during our waking moments were highly edified, amused and instructed by the tone and conversation of two ladies in the seat fornist our own, across the aisle and abaft the binnacle. The variety of their intelligence and a vast fund of general information attracted our attention, and we just sat there and drank it all in like cold truth from a living spring.

"Do you suppose they have air brakes on this train?" inquired the one next the window with a bronze green plume in her hat.

"Oh, yes, they run 'em now on all trains."

"What are they for?"

"Oh, they are to ventilate the car and give 'em more fresh air. I heard they intended to put 'em on cattle cars so the poor animals could get plenty of oxygen."

"Indeed! This is a wonderful age. Did you ever ride in a chair car?"

"Oh, yes, they are just the nicest kind of cars. Some of 'em are real easy, too; have rockers on 'em. But I like a sleeper the best."

"Yes, they are more homelike and comfortable. If any accident happens they unhook the sleeper and leave it at the last station."

"Why, my! How nice!"

"Yes, and the sleeper is much more comfortable to ride in because it don't go as fast as the rest of the train."

"It don't?"

"O, no. Charles says the Pullman Company won't allow the railroads to haul the sleepers near so fast as the balance of the cars."

"Why, how strange!"

"Yes, very."

"What do you suppose makes the cars sway so, back and forth?"

"O I heard the company had been experimenting lately with rockers on the cars. It's something to do with concussion and retraction of the expansive compression, or something of that kind."

"What a wonderful age!"

"It is, really. And these accident insurance companies are a great improvement over the old style of traveling. Charles says all first-class roads carry them now adays, and it makes one so much more secure to know that they are on the same train with one of them. They are worked by electricity, and must cost awful high, don't you think so?"

"Yes, they must that."

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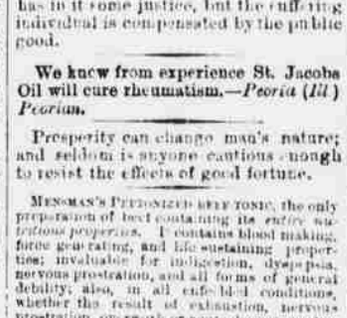

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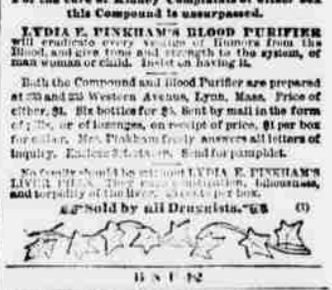

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