French Peasants.

M. Betham Edwards, in her "France of To-day," speaks again and again of the benefits accruing from the ownership of land by the peasantry. As a native of England, she seems to have been peculiarly impressed by this feature of life across the Channel. She writes with special enthusiasm of Osse, "a remote Pyrenean village admirably adapted for the study of rural life." "A beautiful spirit of humanity," she declares, "a delicacy, rare among the most polished societies, characterizes these frugal sons and daughters of the soil."

As sordidness carried to the pitch of brutality is often imputed to the French peasant, let me relate an incident that occurred hereabouts not long before my visit.

The land is minutely divided, many possessing a cottage and field only. One of these small owners was suddenly ruined by the falling of a rock: his cottage, cow and pig were destroyed. Without saying a word, his neighbors, like brought in very humble circumstances, ready one a purse of five hundred francs, a farmer with such [illegible] and [illegible] minded [illegible] deputed [illegible] mouse.

Another instance in point came to my knowledge. A little girl of a young woman servant, whose sickness of her child forced her to accept wages.

"You will pay me some other time," said the girl to her mistress. "I am sure you can ill afford to give me the money now."

Peasant proprietary and rural life generally have [illegible] some wholly new features. One of these is the aim of [illegible] distinguishing of every small holdings. Their owners, neither landed nor building, making their little [illegible] and stock almost complete, [illegible] needs.

One [illegible] enough flax is grown with will [illegible] spin linen for home use, enough wheat and Indian corn for the family, buckwheat, maize being mixed with wheaten flour. Animal pies and poultry are reared for family consumption.

Expenditure [illegible] to the minimum. Coffee [illegible] seldom indulged in. A few drinks home-grown wine, but [illegible] drinkers. The [illegible] the dairy [illegible].

PEOPLE.

GLADSTONE, the [illegible] shave himself.

The Grand Duke [illegible] Russia is [illegible] "The Czar's [illegible]."

BARON ALPHONSE ROTHSCHILD, a nephew of the head of the great financial house, [illegible] twelve months in the Paris [illegible] valued [illegible].

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, the heroine of the Crimean [illegible], is a confirmed invalid and suffering from an enlarged [illegible] and residing in London.

[illegible] so far as the public knows, [illegible] stood in a [illegible] experimenting and invented [illegible]. He [illegible] be better off if he had not taken out any patents.

ONE of the crowned heads—a woman, by the way—has presented the Shah of Persia with [illegible] in exchange. The gift is [illegible] with diamonds [illegible] and its value is said to be [illegible].

SENATOR DAVIS, of Minnesota, makes a hobby of anything [illegible] Napoleon, and is said to have one of the largest and most varied collections of books and pictures [illegible] with the Little Corporal to be found in this country.

MRS. CONWAY, of Memphis, [illegible] to be a young woman of [illegible] crimination. She has introduced the daily newspaper into her [illegible] textiles, on the ground that the cultivation of a [illegible] taste is only possible when it includes the newspaper.

Mr. Herman Hicks

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SIZE OF COW STALLS.

Single stalls are the best for cows, as the danger of one stepping on another's teats and injuring or wholly destroying them is avoided. The cows are kept cleaner when in single stalls. The usual width of the stall is four feet. One inch slope in the floor from the head of the stall to the gutter is sufficient. The length of the stall depends on the size of the cow, and as some are larger than others, it is common to make the floor wider at one end than the other, and thus have a regular gradation by which the small and large cows may be accommodated. The length of floor given is the clear space between the manger and the gutter. If the floor is too long, the cows will not be kept so clean as if it is of such a length that the hind feet come to the edge of the gutter.—[New York Times.

HAVE A GRINDSTONE.

A good grindstone that runs true is a necessity on every farm. Place it under shelter, and wear it out as soon as possible by keeping all edged tools, usually sharpened with it. In a good workmanlike condition. When mowing, or reaping, the knives often become dull; or it is time to run a mower if you have a piece of coarse white stone in the machine box they are soon made quite sharp; or at least the cutting edge roughened up as women sharpened. A sharp, flat stone of a similar purpose, but, if carried in the machine box should be wrapped in cloth to prevent gouging, or hacking wear against other iron tools. Teach the boys to keep all edged tools in good condition and never allow the hired man to go to the field with a dull axe, hoe, scythe or other edged tool; and insist upon the tools being ground at a uniform even. Remember that sharp tools mean less time and arduous labor for man or beast.—[American Agriculturist.

BEST AXE HANDLES.

Pecan wood makes the best axe handles; white hickory next best. Cut a young tree six inches in diameter when the leaves are off and there is no sap. It should be straight, with no knots and as a little red wood at the heart as possible; a short, stubby tree usually has little red wood. Cut off a proper length for the handle and split it. Shape the piece with an axe. Use a shoe-making knife to dress it down. Have a pattern made from thin wood board, and use this to get a good shape. Lay the pattern on the wood and mark around it with pencil. Be careful not to get the grain too small in any place. When properly shaped use a piece of glass to smooth the surface, and polish with sandpaper. Put it away to season, handle end down, to prevent cracking. When ready for use put on the axe, using care to have the end fit in the axe closely. In hanging the axe have the edge set from you, instead of toward you, for a hoe, as such an axe will cut faster and easier.—[New York Tribune.

POINTS IN CHEESE MAKING.

Some of the results learned in the manufacture of cheese during May at the New York station, and also in cheese factories under its observation, have recently been given on this page. These experiments continued through June furnish some additional points to those before reported. The tables found in bulletin No. 45 give the following average results for ten experiments made at a factory in Jefferson county and eight experiments made at the station:

The time required for milk to begin to thicken after the addition of rennet averaged in the factory experiments about fifteen minutes. In the station experiments about twelve minutes.

The time from adding rennet to cutting curd in the factory experiments averaged about twenty-six minutes, in the station experiments eighteen minutes.

The time required to heat to 98 degrees or more after cutting and stirring curd in the factory experiments averaged about 67 minutes. In the station experiments about forty-nine minutes.

The time from reaching 98 degrees or more to drawing whey averaged ninety-one minutes in the factory experiments and fifty-four minutes at the station.

In the stirred-curd process the time from drawing whey to salting curd averaged twenty-five minutes in the factory experiments, and in the station experiments the time was fifteen minutes.

The time occupied by the whole operation of cheese-making in the factory experiments averaged about seven hours and forty-five minutes. In the station experiments the time averaged about five hours.—[New York World.

ART OF SHEEP RAISING.

Eastern hill farms will never return to old-time productiveness until again trampled, fed and manured by sheep, declares Hollister Sage in the N. Y. Tribune. Large flocks cannot be kept now, but as fertility of pastures increases the numbers may be increased gradually until a high degree of intensive agricultural results. Dogs are a great hindrance to easy success, but are they as troublesome and persistent as wolves and foxes in the days of our ancestors? Moreover, is it harder to combat dogs than to take ruinous prices for beef or dairy products? If decisive legislation against dogs cannot be enjoyed at once, there are other means. "I feed every second sheep," says a Litchfield (Conn.) flockmaster. "Beds are not costly, and I never lost a sheep with one on, nor had a bolted flock attacked." He keeps two flocks of twenty or twenty-five to clean pastures for his Jersey cows. "Let a pair of Angora goats run with the flock," is the advice of some. They are believed to beat off with their horns any dog. The Horned Dorset sheep is also recommended in this particular.

But most dog depredations are committed at night, and can be avoided by nightly folding the flock in the old manner prescribed by American and Holy Land pioneers. This calls for less labor than getting the cows and milking twice each day. Dogs repelled by flocks being great encouragement to farmers' wives, because they have less help to board and no milk to take time and care. The lessening of the bill for hired hands is in itself a force toward success with sheep; sheep are invaluable as cleaners and improvers of land. In reply to the query, "How may I make your sheep return?" a practical sheepman said to me: "One hundred per cent. in cash from selling wool and lambs, besides leaving the pastures good and paying for all they consume." He does not raise handsome lambs, either; they would bring the profits still greater. A more easy young man can begin with a small flock and learn to care for increasing numbers as his pastures and circumstances permit.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Clean up the garden patch even if you do not prove it.

The cabbage crop is short. If you have any do not waste them.

Did you ever try baying cabbage that you thought too soft to be sound? If not, try some this year and notice results.

On account of being easily cleaned, easily removed and less liable to break the eggs, sawdust is recommended as a material for good nests.

Give the fowls some cauliflower leaves about twice a week, but not too much at a time, and it will give them a glossy coat after they are done moulting.

It is too often the case on the farms that no care is taken to keep an account of the ages of the fowls, and in consequence too many old hens are kept.

It requires but little time and attention to manage a small flock, but if it is intended to go into poultry raising as a business it means work and plenty of it.

Do you have an army of cockerels with your flock of hens. If not fat enough to make good eating, keep by themselves till fat—then sell or kill them for home consumption.

Pumpkins may be kept through the winter in a cool, dry cellar. But it is a good plan to cut them into strips, round and round, and dry these in a warm room and keep them in paper bags. To use the dried pumpkins soak the strips in water and cook them in the usual way.

Plum trees are best planted in the spring, as are all other stone fruits. They should be set twenty-four feet apart. The best soil is a rather moist loam, but the land should not be wet. Some good varieties are the German prune, green gage, Lombard, Washington, Jefferson, golden drop, Reine Claude, Quackenboss, and Jamison.

People Who Fall Safely.

A fall, as a rule, injures a drunken man much less than a sober one because, the controlling power of the mind being rendered nil through intoxication, the body falls as an inert mass, and thus the chances of injury are lessened, for, strange though it may appear, it is no less a fact that the most numerous cases of injury arising from a fall are caused by the effort, voluntary or otherwise, to avert the consequences, thus straining the muscles and tendons. Very rarely are injurious effects from a fall known in a lunatic asylum for the same simple reason—the mind has no influence over the action of the body. And it is a remarkable and well-known fact to those who have to deal with such cases that whatever injuries are so caused heal much more rapidly than in the case of sane people, the mind having more to do with retarding or assisting nature's efforts than is generally known or realized.—[Boston Herald.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

The female ostrich lays seventy eggs a year.

The Gatling gun was invented by Gatling in 1861.

Military engineers were formerly called trench masters.

In India there is a species of crow that laughs just like a human being.

It is said that [illegible] varieties of goods are manufactured from wood.

Market gardens in Paris pay $1 a dozen for live toads as insect destroyers.

The game of billiards was invented in France towards the end of the fifteenth century.

After the passage of the cape cinnamon, vanilla, cloves, nutmeg and pepper came into use.

The State of Washington is one of the heaviest consumers of condensed milk in the country.

In the Eleventh Century both English and French dandies covered their arms with bracelets.

The Sandwich Islanders become hilarious on the juice of a vegetable resembling the beet root.

A Brunswick (Me.) man recently paid for a suit of clothes with 3000, which weighed twenty-one pounds.

The accuracy of surveying in ancient engineering is marvelous, considering the rudeness of the instruments.

Hecwood, Penn., claims to have a quince which weighs twenty-eight ounces and measures sixteen inches in circumference.

A shoemaker in Berlin, Germany, has invented an artificial sole of stone for use in shoes. It is elastic and easy on the foot, and is calculated to last for years.

Mrs. William Wood, the wife of a prominent farmer, died at Martinsville, Ind., recently. She was married when fourteen years old and though only thirty-five when she died, she had been a grandmother for two years.

A jimmy, such as burglars use, is simply a short crowbar. A sectional jimmy is one in sections of, say one foot in length, which are screwed together to make it of the necessary length. One end of this jimmy is turned up a little more than the ordinary crowbar. The jimmy is an example of a simple lever.

The largest specimen of extinct animal ever found in the world was the skeleton of a Dinosaurian reptile discovered in the Bad Lands of South Dakota in 1892. The weight of the skull alone was 604 pounds, and of the whole skeleton 1906 pounds. It now in the rooms of the Academy of Natural Science, Philadelphia.

Luther Springer of Hancock, Me., owns a horse, whose days of usefulness being over, he hired a man to kill. The man, taking an axe, started to lead the horse into the woods, but, after going some distance, the animal suddenly attacked the would-be slayer, and, throwing him down, trampled upon him and injured him so badly that it is feared he will not recover. At last accounts the horse's prospects of living were much better than the man's.

Lived and Died on One Block.

There are thousands of people in New York who have never been outside the city limits, but there has just died in East Twenty-fourth street a man who must be regarded as the most provincial of his fellow townsmen. He lived for years in the same house between Broadway and Sixth avenue, and was never known to leave the block, which is bounded by those thoroughfares. He was a bachelor, without kith or kin, and lived in a single room, knowing no one except his landlord, whom he paid regularly every week, and shunning strangers whenever they made advances to him. He received remittances from a Wall street broker regularly every Tuesday morning. He was a regular attendant at the Madison Square Theatre, which is on the same block in which he lived, and spent the afternoon in promenading Twenty-fourth street, between Broadway and Sixth avenue, but he never went farther either way. He dined modestly at a near-by cafe, bought his shoes, shirt and underwear at the corner of Broadway and Twenty-fourth street, and had his clothes made by a tailor on the block. The eccentric old man kept this up until a few days ago, when he was found dead in bed. He left absolutely no effects, nor were any letters found giving a clew to the identity of any friends.—[St. Louis Republic.

Crape.

Crape is a light, transparent fabric composed of silk from which all the gum has been taken. When dyed, as it usually is, of a black color, it is used in mourning, chiefly to trim ladies' dresses, also as veils and around men's hats. In the naval and military service, when officers wear mourning, it is simply represented by a four-inch band of black crape around the left arm and a bow of the same tied to the sword hilt.—[Detroit Free Press.

The United States exported provisions in 1891 to the value of $139,017,401.

Do You Know That—

The trouble in love affairs is, that the parties to it love too much to love long.

How polite and gallant a man is to the women of the world who are not related to him.

Most babies cry in church because they are frightened by the boisterous talk of the preacher.

There is nothing more profound than pride, and, strange to say, nothing more ridiculous.

A woman's greatest rival in a man's heart is the pleasure he enjoys in having his own way.

A man's best friend to-day is often the skeleton in his closet that torments him the most to-morrow.

The best loved man is he who gives the most; he is also the one least regarded when he stops giving.

One very good reason why a man should tell the truth is that it is not the tax on his memory that a lie would be.

Men judge a man's religion by his actions outside the church, and the women judge it by the brilliancy of his prayers within.

It is all well enough to tell a man when he is in trouble to look on the bright side; the rub is to find the bright side to look on.

Some men will not stop doing a foolish thing because if they did it would be an admission on their part that it was foolish.

A woman who has everything to lose and nothing to gain, is always more reckless than a man who has everything to gain and nothing to lose.

If people in Bible times were like they are now, Christ found it easier to die for sinners than to find any man afterward who would admit that he was one.

Men are brutes. They have better times occasionally without their wives, and tell them so. Women are hypocrites. They enjoy life without their husbands once in a while, but they will never admit that they are not miserable without them.

We have noticed that the more lodges and clubs a man belongs to, the more often his neighbors see his wife splitting wood before breakfast. Joining too many lodges seems to have the same effect on a man's family as if he were given to the drinking habit.—Atchison Globe.

Echo Cornets.

In an operatic performance in Paris the cornets are fitted with a new echo apparatus, which differs from those hitherto devised in not altering the natural tone of the instrument. It is simply a small chamber of silvered copper so constructed as to produce the echo when adjusted to the mouth of the trumpet.

The Letter R.

In early English R was always trilled, says a writer in Science, as it continues to be in Scotland, where most of the characteristics of early English are still prevalent. But in modern English the trills have been softened away wherever R follows a vowel, until little is left of the R but its vowel quality. We are accustomed to the entire omission of it in negro speech, where do and sto are all that we hear for door and store; but in educated utterances there is some phonetic effect left in R even where it is least manifest. Such delicate shades of sound are the distinguishing marks of refinement in pronunciation, and they should be carefully preserved by teachers and by writers on phonetics.

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