

**Can a Plant See?**  
I was tending some of my morning-glory vines that were growing near a fence upon which I had small cords attached. All of the vines had climbed up the cords except one, or rather a large branch from one of them, which hung out about fifteen inches. It was waving around, and appeared to be reaching for a slender pole that leaned against the fence at least a foot away from it. I was busy some time in the vicinity of this, and would occasionally glance in the direction of it. It seemed to me that the vine saw the pole and endeavored to catch hold of it with its little hooked hand, for it waved over as near as an inch from it, and I felt sure that the little hand meant to hold on as soon as it got near enough. I became so interested that I sat down quite near, intending to watch it until it succeeded, for I thought it would. But I was called away to meet a visitor, and when it was released it was near tea time, and in discharging the many little obligations of the hour I forgot my vine. The next morning I hurried to look at it, and, sure enough, it had caught hold of the pole and would itself three times around it. I think the vine saw the pole.

**Clapping the Hands.**  
"Electricity" says there is nothing theoretically impossible in the statement that an electric current has been used to operate a battery which converts sound into electric power by a device which "rattles" it possible to operate an ordinary call bell by simply clapping the hands in front of the battery?

**Summer Activities.**  
If one were to attempt to enumerate and classify the sports of summer, he would have a large job on his hands. At a glance one knows that the sports are manifold in their nature and in their scope. The use of physical and muscular energy is the basis of all sports, and the sports are as numerous and as varied as the human body itself. The sports are divided into three classes: the sports of the body, the sports of the mind, and the sports of the spirit. The sports of the body are those which require the use of physical energy, such as football, baseball, tennis, and golf. The sports of the mind are those which require the use of mental energy, such as chess, bridge, and checkers. The sports of the spirit are those which require the use of spiritual energy, such as prayer, meditation, and fasting.

**Need Clean Heads.**  
Working people need clean heads, and the best way to get them is by using a good hair wash. The hair wash should be used every day, and it should be rubbed into the scalp. The hair wash should be used on the hair, and not on the face. The hair wash should be used on the hair, and not on the face. The hair wash should be used on the hair, and not on the face.

**When You Come to Reality.**  
The world is full of people who are living in a dream. They are living in a dream of wealth, of power, of fame, and of pleasure. They are living in a dream of a life that is not real. They are living in a dream of a life that is not real. They are living in a dream of a life that is not real.



**The Gratitude**  
Of those who have long been sufferers from some disease which has left the skill of physicians, and I have been restored to health by Hood's Sarsaparilla is different to express. It is such feelings when I think of the suffering of those who have been afflicted by the disease. I have been restored to health by Hood's Sarsaparilla. I have been restored to health by Hood's Sarsaparilla. I have been restored to health by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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A philologist of high repute is authority for the statement that there are seventy-two languages spoken in Russia.

The taking of the census in Japan is simple, but the figures are utterly unreliable. The houses are counted and an average five persons is allowed for each house.

The jays and other birds common in the neighborhood of New York city are also common in the neighborhood of Sitka, Alaska, which, by the way, is no colder in winter than Boston. Many Alaska birds come south to the United States for the winter, flying at a speed which Fleming estimates at from thirty to 150 miles an hour.

Says the Pittsburgh Dispatch: Exporting American goods to England, is an achievement to be proud of. But it is an accomplished fact. The labor cost in American goods is less than in England, though the per centum of the American workman are larger than those of his English brother. The American superiority in bookmaking is only the forerunner of much more that is coming.

The express business of this country has reached gigantic proportions. The American Express Company, 45,000; the Wells-Fargo, 25,000; Adams, 22,000; Southern, 22,000; United States, 21,000; and Postal, 21,000. In respect to the number of packages handled in a year, the Atlantic coast line, the Wells-Fargo second, the American third, and the United States fourth. In respect to money orders, the American stands far at the head, with the United States and Wells-Fargo rivals for the second place.

The Japanese, polite and with few exceptions the Japanese boys, wear dark European suits. The policeman, however, usually wears a uniform of blue, the boys have much more opportunity to distinguish themselves in such than in original dress, and plaid with energy and happiness. The Japanese and humbly, managed, and, except for the system of prohibition, there is nothing to be said for the moral superiority of the Japanese to the European, not indubitably, but our own, admits the New York Recorder.

Although the famous, or infamous, Brewery of New York enjoys rather an unsavory reputation, there is something to be said for it. The brewery, which is the largest of its kind in the world, is situated in the city of New York. It is the largest of its kind in the world. It is the largest of its kind in the world.

These few years have indeed done wonders in the matter of street car riding in this country, and have even set our friends Atlantic friends to work following our example. writes Joseph Weller in Scribner's Magazine. To give some idea of the extent of which electricity has displaced the horse, and on the other hand, been instrumental in creating new roads, we need only cite the fact that at the present time there are over eight hundred and fifty electric railways in the United States, operating over 9,000 miles of track and 24,000 cars, and representing a capital investment of over four hundred million dollars. What stupendous figures, when we remember that in 1857 the number of such roads amounted to only thirteen, with scarcely one hundred cars.

**FOR FARM AND GARDEN.**

**Drawbacks to the Cheese Industry.**  
One of the most serious drawbacks to the cheese industry is the vast amount of cheese made which has been robbed of a part of its cream. The consumer buys a small piece, but its poor quality is against it, it is not eaten, goes to waste, and the housewife of economical tendencies does not buy again for months. If only good cheese, from whole milk, were made, the consumption would steadily increase. But the market has been so badly demoralized by the makers of poor cheese, that it will take years to recover its tone, even when poor cheeses are no longer sold.—American Agriculturist.

**Cultivate the Orchard Grounds.**  
The most successful fruit growers cultivate the ground under the orchard. But when they wish to check the too-luxuriant product of wood and leaf they sow the land with clover, to take up some of the surplus fertility of the soil, and thus greatly increase the yield and quality of the fruit. And this cultivation of the land under the trees has precisely the same effect as the working of the land under a grain crop. Nature's method with every kind of plant is to grow a great variety together, the strongest getting ahead of the weakest ones, but only making a poor growth at the best; and it is no different nature's method of supporting the aboriginal man, as such, with a weed among animals as the weeds of the forest are among the trees.—New York Times.

**Asses for Hogs.**  
A subscriber writes: If the ground upon which hogs are fed is clay or contains soft rock, which the hogs eat, will it render them from growing or fattening? I fed a bunch of hogs upon a clay hillside, which contained soft rock, and I noticed them rooting out the ground and eating the rock quite often. They did not grow or fatten as they should, but seemed very healthy. Was told hogs would not do well on such soil.

Our correspondent had supplied his hogs with ashes or something of the nature, he would have found that they would have fattened more than they did, and would not have eaten so much of the soft rock he describes. Hogs have a craving for material of this kind, and it should be catered to by seeing that they always have access to hard-worn ashes. When they are being fattened on corn this is especially advisable.

**Farm and Garden Notes.**  
The disease of potatoes is the hardest and most tiresome work in raising that valuable crop. See to it that the little chicks do not get damp and chilled. No chicken should be more than ten days from the hen-poop of a chick chosen to the brood and hatched.

**Business Barometer.**  
The business interests of the country demand the most careful consideration at the present time. The country is in a state of depression, and the business interests are suffering. The business interests are suffering. The business interests are suffering.

Recent reports are that there are about 225,000,000 tons of coal deposits in Siberia, one of the Faroe islands in the Baltic Sea, besides considerable deposits of iron and copper ore.

cases hereditary, but this fact has in the past, by many breeders, been entirely overlooked. Soundness is always considered very essential by breeders of other kinds of animals.

**The Home Garden.**  
In buying flower seeds choose the best variety. They cost more than the inferior sorts, but the results given are so much better than the extra money expended is scarcely worth considering. The following list contains a few of the most useful and annuals that are easy to grow, and not only invaluable for ornamentation, but likewise for cutting purposes. To have a succession of good cut blooms for decorative work in the house is a very important matter to the lover of flowers. The accompanying list would supply flowers admirably adapted for cutting purposes from June to frost.

Give the best varieties of each to grow: Aster—Comet, Perfection, Victoria, Dwarf Chrysanthemum flowered and Mignon, Stocks—Cut and Cameo, Veil and Giant Ten weeks, Poppies—Island, Starley and White Swan, Fuchsia—Dwarf Rocket and Emperor, Dianthus—Crown of Perfection and Hildegarde, Chrysanthemum Romanum, fl. pl. Calliope, Cornuta and Tom Thumb, Candytuft—Empress, Calendula—Meteor and Orange King, Cosmos—Giant, Neotoma—Duerrens, Lobelia—Gmelin, if intended for baskets and veranda boxes, Petunias—Giant of California and Fringed White, Mignonette—Mailet and Crimson Queen, Sweet Alyssum, French and African marigold, mixed seedling, verbena, zinnia, phlox, Delonchii, silva splendens, single dahlias, Marguerite carnations and sweet peas.

Liable institutions have brighter flowers than the more common variety. Brims-Bismarck is a good vase trailer. The Bismarck can be sown in the house in late March, thus securing sturdy little plants to set out in spring.

The most important point in connection with successful seed sowing is to firm the seed well into the ground. After sowing give a copious watering through a fine hose. Shade the seed from the sun by means of a paper or platinum cover; germination takes place some time after when it is exposed to a strong light. Always be careful to remove the shade immediately the plants have come up, otherwise they will become drawn and liable to drop off. Keep the surface moist during germination. After the seed has germinated, and the seed leaves have been well made they should be given all the light possible and plenty of ventilation on bright days to make sturdy, healthy plants.—New York Journal.

**Milk the New Cure.**  
A doctor out in the Transvaal, propounds in the "English Mechanic" a new method of curing disease, which he terms "lacto-poathy." It struck him, he says, that as milk absorbs poisonous germs from a bucket, it might also be used to absorb poisonous germs and gases from the body. He put his idea to the test, and now claims to have cured people of smallpox, fevers, insanity, diphtheria, spinal disease and many other maladies by simply wrapping the patients in milk sheets. He has his patients on a mattress covered with blankets, takes a sheet just large enough to envelop the body, warms it, saturates it with about a pint and a half of warm milk, opens it without wringing it, and packs his patient, if it is for an hour, subsequently sponging him over with warm water or putting him into a warm bath. He declares that in one bad case of smallpox, where the eruption was well out, the milk sheet drew the poisons entirely from the skin that the next day the eruption disappeared and the man was convalescent.

**Origin of the Banjo.**  
The banjo was the invention of a colored man who lived in the town of Banjonia, near the south coast of Java, about fifty years ago. He took a gourd, and crossing it with goat skin, he ran a handle through it, says the Chicago Record. Thus he fitted it with violin strings, tuning them to the first, third, fifth and eighth notes of the octave. Having thus completed the instrument, he named it "Banjo," after the town in which he lived, and proceeded forthwith to "make it talk."

Its popularity grew with tremendous rapidity, making a conquest of London not many years ago with the Ethiopian S. revolvers.

**QUAIN AND CURIOS.**

The world's railroads reach 406,466 miles. The Black Sea has a depth of 600 fathoms. Calico was made in Calcutta, India, as early as 1478. Out of every 100 hotels in England, 18 are White Hearts, 10 King's Arms and 8 Crowns.

The most ancient English decoration is the Order of the Round Table, founded in 561. According to the terms of his will a Saratoga County, New York farmer was buried with his boots on. Barrels of wine, anchors, sythes—in fact, all kinds of merchandise—are conveyed by the Swiss postoffice department.

A stray white swan, six feet ten inches from tip to tip, was shot by Benjamin Carpenter just south of Albion, Mich. An acre of land at the corner of Liberty and Nassau streets, New York city, is worth, taking the latest sale as a guide, about \$5,000,000.

Although Gen. M. Scott of Fairbault, Minn., is 103 years old the hair on his head remains the same color it always was—a bright red.

One of the valuable treasures in the Lenox Library, New York City, is an antique file of the London Times, from 1835 to the present time. With a population not much over half that of London, New York City (proper) consumes daily 183,000,000 gallons of water against 190,000,000 for London.

All the modern war vessels of the United States Navy were built in this country, either directly by the government in the navy yards or under contract by private ship-building firms.

The standard of height for admission to British army is raised to five feet four inches, except in the case of candidates under twenty years of age, for whom a quarter of an inch is knocked off.

The Imperial Canal of China was begun in the year 750 A. D., and not completed until 1351. It is 2,100 miles in length and is by long odds the most important artificial waterway on earth.

Harry Kensch was killed by the cave-in of a mine in Welch City, Mo., nearly three years ago. His bones have just been found 250 feet away from where he was at work when the accident happened.

A Chicago butcher keeps a tame fox. It keeps his place clear of rats. The experiment was tried after cats and traps had failed. The first night the fox spent in the shop he slaughtered thirty-four rodents.

The stories of the "Babes in the Wood" was founded on an actual crime committed in Norfolk, near Weyland Wood in the fifteenth century. An old house in the neighborhood is still pointed out upon a map-plate in which is carved the entire history.

W. B. Hyles, who died in New Albany, Ind., opposite Louisville, a few days since, was born in a log cabin in the latter place in 1822, when it contained only a few dwellings of the same kind, and at a time when the settlers sometimes sought refuge in Fort Nelson from threatened bands of the Indians.

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This is a bit of genuine scandal. Everybody likes scandal. It is always such a comfort to find one's self a little better than one's neighbor. This bit of scandal is true, too. There is a young man now living in Chicago who used to live in Washington. He was engaged to a Washington girl, but rumors concerning her reached him out in Chicago. They said, these rumors, that she had gone out to supper after the theater, and looking on the wine when it was red, had become just a little lobsterous.

Her immediate fiancé came to Washington. He did not say a word to her of the rumors which had filled his soul with horror, but he took her to the theater, and to supper afterward.

The widow Clapot was the third party at the supper, and the girl, like every other woman on earth, like champagne. How sweetheart tried her to drink, assuring her it would do her no harm whatever. She drank. In fact, she conjugated the verb to drink in more than one tense. She became unmistakably intoxicated.

Then the gallant young man slipped her engagement ring off, bundled her into a carriage and took her home. She hasn't seen him since. Of course, he couldn't think of marrying that sort of a girl, you know.

It is things like that that keep one's belief in the innate civility of the modern gentleman from dying. We understand the man considers it a tremendous joke and you may be able to see where the laugh comes in. We are not.

**Woman's Resignation.**  
The cool, calm resignation of women was illustrated during the recent earthquake which shocked the city of Mexico. A correspondent of the Boston Herald, writing from that city, tells the story of how women accept the inevitable.

Some Mexican lady friends were at church praying for the rest of us, up in the northern part of the city, when, as they relate to me, they felt faint, and all at once heard the roof crack and saw mortar falling all around them, while the great chandeliers swung back and forth as in a steamer in a storm.

I asked them why they did not get up and run, but they replied simply: "We just shut our eyes, commended our souls to our Maker, and went on with our prayers for the city full of people!"

The Horse's Eye.  
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