

Poetry.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.
TAR HEEL IN THE WEST.
The plain I stood,
The wind was low,
The sun was in his rays of light,

Potatoes were introduced into Germany in 1710, into Russia in 1760, and into Scotland some years later.
The bee can draw twenty times its own weight, can fly more than four miles an hour and will seek food at a distance of four miles.

BILL AND CHRISTOPHER—NYE GIVES SOME NEW POINTS ON COLUMBUS.
Old Man Chris was Out for the Dust— He Was Not the Pioneer in the Theory of the Earth's Sphericity.

her jewels that Columbus might go to the west and find a new world. The historian says she did not do that. So in the woman's department of the great exposition Isabella should not be permitted to hold the place which by rights Queen Victoria should hold.

HINTS TO THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.
It is all right, this talk of mail delivery at the farmer's door, but the government wants to remember one thing—really it should be able to remember two or three things, but it won't do to overburden the government.

A SAFE NARRATIVE.
The Novelist Avoids Libel Suits.
(With Interpolated Passages by Our Own Legal Advisor.)

HOUSEHOLD.
LEON SNOW (WITH CORNSTARCH).
To pint of boiling water, add two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch (wet with cold water), the juice of three lemons, 1 1/2 cupfuls of sugar.

Washington died shortly after 11 p. m., Saturday, December 14 1799, the last year of the century, the last month of the year, the last day of the week, and within the last hour of the day.

William Doesn't Want to Kick a Man When He Is Still Talked of in Chicago and Other Places.
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So the historian says that Queen Isabella, hoping for new remains to govern and for several new sealskin saques on the return of Columbus, bade him godspeed and made him sign a cast iron contract to turn over all of his discoveries to her and Ferdinand.

Why, there are millions and millions, maybe more than half as many as that, of places in the country, in this greatest and most progressive and prosperous land in all the universe, where people never dream of going to the corner grocer's during wet weather of long continuance.

They were both in tears. For the hour had come for parting.
(It is necessary to state that by "parting" no reference is made to any existing firm of hair-dressers.)

BAKED HAM.
Put a ham in cold water over night. Prick neatly, and cover it all over with thick crust of flour and water. Bake slowly eight hours. Remove the rind and skin; cover the top with mackerel or mussels slightly sweetened. Bake in the oven till the crumbs are crisp. Slice cold, cut in very thin slices.

Londoners are very much interested in the discovery that the original home of cashmere shawls is not Cashmere, but Germany. Large quantities of German-made shawls are taken to India with imitations of Cashmere marks on them and sent into the interior and sold as native products.

Reading carefully the biography of Columbus we find that no one in his age or generation could have been better fitted for the mighty job of opening up and booming a western world than Christopher Columbus, for he is said to have been one of the brightest young liars of his time.

He was, by contract, permitted to retain one-tenth of all gold, silver, pearls, precious stones and pelt found on the voyage after the costs had been deducted.

Why, it isn't so bad, not nearly; can't be, or else nobody would ever travel it. They wouldn't, just because about nine tenths of the year they just couldn't. Daily mail delivery in the country! Why, it's the craziest notion yet. When it is an old established fact that the people in the country can't get it to the postoffice days at a time, how is the postoffice going to get out to the farm?

"I am afraid it must be so, my Zuluwofa," was the heartbroken response.
(Again the name has been chosen on the same lines as in the selection of Zozimus, and the explanation above given may be taken as having reference to both.)

SPONGE CAKE.
Beat whites and yolks of four eggs separately, add two cupfuls of powdered sugar. Mix well two cupfuls of flour, one-half cupful of cornstarch, and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder; add to the eggs and sugar, mix over the whole, stirring briskly. Pour into two pans about 1 1/2 inches deep. Bake, spread blackberry or other preserves between the cakes.

Nevada is a part of the territory ceded to the United States of Mexico by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, February 2d, 1848. It was at first a part of California Territory, and was subsequently attached to Utah. It was constituted a Territory in March, 1861 with somewhat smaller boundaries than at present.

And this is the gentleman whose name we give to the world's great exposition 400 years after he found us while looking for some one else! I hate to seem pessimistic or speak lightly of a great man. I believe that I should speak of Columbus with respect, as I would have wished him to refer to me if our places had been reversed; but oh, how sad it is to know that the land of Washington—George Washington, the man who would not lie even about his circulation—that such a land, I say, should have been discovered by a liar who represented the pauper labor of Europe! This, I say, pains and grieves me.

It is pretty well settled that Columbus drew the prize for first seeing land, when as a matter of fact one of his men was first to see it, and that he put the money into a watch with a peach stone charm on the chain.

Under the old grab some localities were forced to go to the expense of a steam pump, and in some very destitute towns they had to haul water in barrels in order to make a creek big enough to get a slack water appropriation on; there was no end of hard work and both ends of much harder lying in order to secure an appropriation for slack water improvement.

"Well, my beloved, you will soon see me; and, dead or alive, I shall be by your side in the spirit."
(This passage is not intended to single out any particular firm of distillers.)

CURIOUS FACTS.
There are seven hundred languages.
The first was appointed in 1485.
New Mexico has a messenger boy named Tallop.
November was the ninth month of the year at one time.
The man who sowed the first field of potatoes in Scotland died in 1850.
One couple in 11,500 live to see their diamond wedding.
The breeding expenses of the London Zoological Gardens are \$500 a year.
The tusks of an ordinary elephant weigh about 20 pounds, and are worth \$100.
King IV. of England left as a part of his estate 100 whips and 500 pocket-knives.

Dr. Williams, a London physician, has a complete copy of the Bible written in shorthand characters. There are many curious copies of the Holy Writ in various collections, but it is doubtful if there is anything in the world that will compare with the Doctor's unique work.

Finally Columbus got to lying again. He gave offices to his relatives, not only to his wife's family, but at last he got reckless and began to hand out offices to his numerous children. It was the local Genoa papers so truly said, and when he offered to open up a slave trade between Spain and the Bahamas people lost faith in him.

Let us now pass on rapidly to speak of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, viewed in the light of more careful research by the biographer of Columbus. Is it not too bad to learn, after years of faith and trust in Isabella, that she was really one of our coarsest and jayest of queens?

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Miss Harriet Pullman, daughter of the palace car builder, who is to be married in the spring, is as well known in New York, Paris and London as she is in Chicago, for she divides her time between the three cities.

Do not, while sitting or lying, allow your mind to plan what work you will do next, how you will do it, how soon you will be sufficiently rested to get up, but simply rest and grow heavy.—Boston Herald.

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