Corn for Breeding Cows. Most authorities say, and truly, that grain, and especially corn meal, should not be fed to cows with calf. It is too fattening, and increases the danger from milk fever or other diseases at farrowing time. But an old farmer tells us that he has always practised giving a few ears of corn daily to cows for a week or two before calving. His cows always do well, drop their calves without difficulty, and he regards this feed as one of the causes of their easy parturition. The corn is not enough in amount, or continued long enough to fatten, and probably its beneficial effect is due to its influence in keeping the bowels open. Corn is a laxative food, especially if fed in the ear, and where roots cannot be had, it may in such cases be substituted for them .-[Cultivator.

## The Culture of Artichokes.

Artichokes are of two kinds; one is the tender, succulent, globular head a plant which has much of the good qualities of asparagus, and the other is the tuberous root of a species of sunflower, and is called Jerusalem or Brazilian artichoke. The former is grown from seed planted in rich soil in hills three by two feet apart, and as it is perennial, like asparagus, it yields a crop every year after the first, when only a small quantity is produced. A packet day, if eggs are expected. of seed costs 10 cents. The other kind is not really an artichoke, although it is so called. It is planted and cultivated ter. as potatoes are, the tubers being cut into pieces, and the plants should be four feet apart each way. It is exceedingly productive: 1500 bushels per acre are a common yield; but as it roots very deeply all the tubers cannot be gathered, and the plants once cultivated will occupy the ground as troublesome weeds for years afterward. The tubers are sold at the seed stores for \$1.50 the peck. There is no necessity for any further directions, as the culture is as simple as that of potatoes .- [New York | ewes during winter. Times.

Raising Geese and Ducks.

Geese are not profitable unless one has a suitable place for keeping them. A strip of low, moist land affording green grass all summer and adjacent to a pond, or with a small brook running through it, will just suit them. When raised on the bank of a river or a smaller stream subject to sudden freshets they need watching, else they may take a ride and go so far as never to come back. Many persons are quite fond of fat young geese, and when marketed in that condition they usually bring a good price, but tough, old geese are hard to sell at any price. They may commonly be picked twice a year, and the feathers "Why, this is a smoking carrage!"
With the usual horrid smell in it, too!"

"Well, there's no one smoking in it now, Maggie, so go on with your tale. I always thought that you rather liked will about pay for their keeping. Ducks are more profitable than geese, as they mature earlier, lay more eggs and sell better in market. They are the greatest scavengers of the feathered tribe, and of all others have the best faculty of making their own living. Neither geese nor ducks should be allowed on the grass plot around the house. Pekin, Rouen and Aylesbury ducks and Embden and Toulouse geese are large and edge. favorite varieties .-- [New York World.

## Analysis of Soils.

Some twenty-five or thirty years ago a few of the more prominent contributors to the agricultural press were urging the great importance of an analysis of the soil of every farm, in order that the owner might determine for what kind of crops it was best adapted, also if it contained too much of any one substance or too little of another to each rail cut. insure the greatest fertility. The author of 'Elements of Agriculture,' 1854, declared: "The farmer cannot be too strongly advised to procure an analysis of his soil, and for obvious reasons," The "obvious reasons," however, consisted mainly in paying a certain clique of self-assumed chemists \$5 to \$10 for a half-way analysis of a few ounces of soil. Hundreds of farmers believed there was something in the new theoretical agriculture, and paid their hardearned cash only to find out that the analysis of a few ounces of soil taken from one place on their farm was of really no practical use in determining the fertility or barrenness of that which had not been analyzed. If the soil of the entire farm to the depth of one or two feet could be thoroughly intermingled and then a ton or more of this analyzed, we might make a very close guess as to the amount of valuable constituents an acre contained, or was needed to make the soil fertile, or adapted to the growth of certain kinds of plants. But as the chemist only proposed to analyze a few ounces of soil, his work would be of little value to the

Most Money From Winter Manuring. A son of a neighbor who is often spoken of as the best farmer in town, says O. S. Bilis in the New York Tribune, began an experiment in winter manuring several years ago. A piece of land intended for corn was selected and one half manured in winter, the other just before ploughing time in spring. The land and manure were Journal, alike throughout and the culture the same in every particular. The result was given me in detail about a year ago and I do not remember the order of cropping, but it was stated by the young man, and confirmed by another who had assisted at harvesting some of the crops, that every crop since the application of the manure had been better upon the portion on which the manure was applied in winter. It was, moreover, mtated that to all appearances the

practical farmer. - [New York Sun.

manure applied in the spring and immediately ploughed under was practically lost. This accords with my experience and observation, and I believe there are good and well-defined reasons

I never knew an experiment of the kind to fail to show first of all in the better and more friable condition of the surface soil of the winter-manured section at ploughing time. This is due to the distribution of the fertilizing elements of the manure by the action of the frost and water and their retention as prepared plant food in the surface soil. Ploughmen have often asserted that they could feel the difference in the two portions of the field as soon as the plough crossed the dividing line. I believe that millions of cords are every year as effectually lost by ploughing down as if dumped into a running stream. Of course much depends upon character and condition of soil into which the manure is ploughed, and the loss may be all the way from total to very little or none. I am convinced that much better results follow the exposure of the manure upon the surface for a considerable time than the immediate burying of it. There may be loss from surface application in dry, warm weather but it is very small at other times.

Seasonable Reminders. All meat should be cooked before be ing fed to fowls. They need it every

Water, green food and meat fowls must have to prosper during the win-

There is one part of the farm that is not benefited by the drainage; the ma-

Politeness pays in the cow-stable. A gentle man gets more milk than a harsh Straw and corn-fodder are best

worked into manure by putting them through good animals. The best preventive of trouble lambing time is daily exercise for the

stove while you eat.

Separate the weaker animals; they need extra feed, whereas with the stronger they get scant feed.

maximum crops, the products of winter thought and summer work.

aged as much by the gases and dampness there as it is worn by use. When green wood is used for fuel part of the heat is absorbed to convert

the water in the fuel into vapor. If you do not wish cloddy and lifeless ground in the spring keep the cattle off high University, and thelter To our per- in a fragrant pine forest among from

Drive your horses a little to one side. when you stop with a load on the sled. This makes it easier to start the load. A fire burns better in a hot than in a

cold furnace; it is equally true that an animal well wintered is half summered. If you place the ax near the stove for fifteen minutes it will cut better and not be so apt to break along the

The flavor of the fuel used for smoking meat is somewhat imparted to the meat; hence the fuel should be selected

carefully. Straw alone is a poor feed, but mixed with cotton or linseed cake, wheat bran and oats and clover hay, it makes ex-

cellent food. A good fence cannot be made of rails that are of different lengths. Mark two feet on your ax-handle, and measure

Sorting fruits and vegetables accomplishes two things; it protects the sound, and it rids the cellar of the sources of unwholesome exhalations.

Boots and shoes oiled as often as the leather loses its pliancy are more comfortable, afford better protection against cold or wet, and usually will last twice as long as those not oiled .-[American Agriculturist.

affords projection alike from summer's heat and winter's cold. Two rows of heat and winter's cold. Two rows of delphia, is like unto him. Childs was a delphia, is like unto him. Childs was a in the Ashikaga College (Tsuh-li High) posts are set, boarded inside and out large subscriber to the Edgar A. Poe in the Ashikaga College (Tsuh-li Hioh) and the intervening space is filled in monument in Baltimore. He put a me- a copy of Hwang K'an's Confucian Analwith straw packed in as closely as possible. Two sets of rafters are then put on, the upper three feet above the lower, which is covered with boards, and this space is filled in with straw, after which a board roof covers the building. Provided with proper ventilation, fruit is kept in perfect condition many months.

Better Wait.

It is always advisable to hear the end of a sentence. A literary man, for instance, once said to one of .his lady friends: "Will you accept my hand"-Gushing maiden: 'Why, er-so sudden -so unexpected." Literary man, (preceeding, unmoved) - "book on political

Somewhat similar is a story told of another couple. He: "How bright the stars are tonight! They are almost as bright as"-She (expecting "your eyes;") -"Oh, you flatter me!" He (proceeding) -"they were last night." -[Chamber's

Three Eyebrows. Observing Little Girl---Mamma, who is that young man on the other side of

the train? Mamma--- I don't know, dear. Why? Observing Little Girl---He looks so

queer. He has three eyebrows! Mamma---How do you make that out? Observing Little Girl---He has one over each eye and one over his mouth, -- [Omaha World,

CHARITABLE THE GENEROSITY OF PEABODY, CORCORAN AND OTHERS.

The Begging Letters They Receive-

-Bequests to Churches, Etc. No nation of the world has so many haritable rich men as the United States. George Feabody died worth \$4,000,000. He gave away while living \$8,500,000 to educational and charitable instituthousands that he dispensed in other ways. W. W. Corcoran is still the richest man in Washington, but he has given away between \$3,000,000 and 4, 000,000, and his purse is always open. Abram Hewitt says that Peter Cooper's charities were twice as large as the estate he left, and during the panic of 1873-'74 his library table was piled high with money, and from 3 o'clock in the afternoon till half past six he distributed halfdollars and dollar bills to all the poor who came to him for it. During this same panic James Gordon Bennet, Jr. donated \$30,000 to establish soup kitchens for the poor. Paul Tulane, a millionaire, who died in New Jersey a year or so ago, \$2,000,000 to the University at New Orleans before his death. Tulane began life as a farmer's boy and was born near Princeton, N. J. He made his money at the start as a merchant tailor in New Orleans, and he spent his last days in his native State. He often gave away hundreds of turkeys upon a single Christmas, and many a poor family relied upon him for its winter clothing. P. T. Barnum gave a few years ago winter house plants to more than 600 working people of Bridgeport, Conn. Armour is a man who is very charitable to his employes, and delights in helping them. If he sees a man trying to get along he promotes him, and he induces his men wherever possible to buy homes and to strike for as high a mark in life as possible.

George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, insures the life of every editor, reporter. clerk, and head of department in his employ. He provides them with doctors when they are sick, and when dead they are given a burial plot in Woodlawn Cemetery, which is now known as the Printers' Cemetery. He and his friend Drexel lalely gave \$20,000 to the International Typographical Union.

Every Christmas he gives every individual member of the Ledger staff a the year. The urchin fishery, owing to present in money ranging from \$10 to the great demand for the crustacean in \$500, and he tries to make money for his Southern Europe, is one of the most immen. When they become old and broken down he retires them on full pay, and a number of his employes have grown rich Take the bridles with you when you in his service. Like most rich men noted go to breakfast, and put them near the for benevolence he is overrun with beggars, and he generally gives even to the tramps. Mr. Childs gets about 200 beg-

ging letters every day. Senator Stanford's gift of \$20,000,000 to establish the University in California is one of the largest of the kind known to Profit in farming comes from the history, and this gift is three times the size of the fortune which Stephen Girard left. Girard's fortune amounted to about seven millions and a half, and of this he Harness hung in the stable is dam- left six millions to his university. He gave nearly all his property to the public, and out of his whole fortune his relatives received only \$140,000. George I. Seney gave \$500,000 to the Wesleyan University of Middletown, Conn., and his charities -which have been chiefly educationalhave amounted to over \$1,500,000. Asa Packer gave about \$3,000,000 Torbins who has well described the fishery, "and

humiliated her by the haughty ponceness | track lifted three feet above theo to the Leon a constant vicissitude from heels to he of my manner at a chance meeting. I ing prairie, and may be leve is a college at can certainly confess that the recollecting prairie, and may be leve is a college at ling prairie, and ling prairi sion of her face was constantly very the wrong which received \$600,000 from is called Adelbert College, and it commemorates Mr. Stone's son, Adelbert, who was at Yale College at the time of his York, Viola Roseboro says in the Cosdeath and who was drowned while on a mopolitan: The remarkable ignorance botanical excursion in Connecticut. Vas- of America that they are enabled to mainsar College was founded by Matthew tain under such circumstances is illusand he left it \$150,000 more.

and he pays all the expenses of the insti- applicants to Mr. Arrighi, who persontution. Another of Corcoran' scharities ally investigates the cases. is the Art Gallery, which has already cost
a fortune and to which he will leave It is printed that a western orchardist another at his death. He gave the money

and Richard Henry Wilde. more than \$600,000 in charity, and fully corrected copy may be taken. Burns'de, the A. T. Stewart of New San Francisco Chronicle.

MEN. Orleans, donated \$500,000 to the State of Louisiana for charitable distribution, giving the State the discretion as to how the money should be placed. Rocka-feller, the President of the Standard Oil Company, who is worth \$70,000,000, lately said that his income was so large Queer Charities of Editor Childs | that he prayed God to give him the wisdom to dispose of it, and Flagler, another Standard Oil man, handed his pastor, not long ago, his check for \$100,000, and told him to distribute it as he thought best. Flagler has given away about \$1,000,000 in charity in the last tions, to say nothing of the hundreds of five years, and it is said that he never says anything to others about his gifts. - Chicago Times.

A New Variety of Sea-Food. A new edible delicacy of marine origin, and surpassing, in the opinion of many Southern gourmands, the finest oysters, is about to be introduced into this country. A supply of the true Mediterranean sea-urchins, in good condition, is to be consigned to our market, and English epicures will be asked to try the eggs of the echinidean after the fashion of Marseilles-that is, by eating them off the shells, raw and uncooked. The sea-urchin, which scientific men, with the playful simplicity characteristic of the kind, have agreed to designate the "strongylocentrotus" is an article of food in many parts of the world, as most people are probably aware. Hence one the common names it bears among fisherfolk who have no reputation for learning to keep up, and who call it the 'sea egg." But all along the shores of the Mediterranean the five-celled rosette forming the inside of the prickly creature is esteeemed one of the tastiest morsels yielded by the sea. Strangers visiting the Marseilles fish market will see basket after basket there filled with these browny-green and violet colored "hedgehogs of the deep." They are deftly opened by the fishwives, the left hand being protected against the sharp prickles by a stout cloth wrapped around t, the stomach-sack is cut out, and the fine orange-colored eggs in the centre exposed and handed upon the shell to the customers ever ready for the dainty. These eggs are only to be found in the "urchin" between the months of October and May, that is, about the same time as the ovster is in season. At other times the eggs are missing, and many worthy people have pronounced the creature good for nothing because they happened to capportant in th'e Mediterranean. The creatures frequent rocky ground, and in the form of round, prickly balls, they are found, hundreds together, a few feet below high-water mark in the shoals of the Spanish, French and Italian coast. They are captured by means of a cleft stick, with which the fisher pokes about in their haunts, and often, too, by divers. In the Bay of Naples nothing is more amusing than to watch the urchin-fishers at work in search of their prey. Rowing to the spot where they are carrying on operations, one may see some scores of heads bobbing about in the water, and probably an equal number of pairs of legs, all belonging to bodies that are invisible. Suddenly a head will go down and a pair of legs come up; then,

scenes in which I had the est with difficulty upon a railway Madrid. La Granja is an ancient royal humiliated her by the haughty penceness | Keeps with difficulty upon a railway | Madrid. La Granja is an ancient royal a constant vicissitude from heels to head passengers out of their dozings—"news

as unexpectedly, one of the pairs of legs

will go down and a head bob up. "A

puzzling spectacle," says Mr. R. Jones,

Remarkable Ignorance. Speaking of the Italian colony in New Vassar, who gave \$400,000 toward it, trated by a fact that I have from Mr. and Vassar's son added to this amount. Arrighi. He says that the indifference Peabody's charity extended to Yale and of his countrymen to the privileges of Harvard, each of which got \$150,000 naturalization arises chiefly from an idea from him. He gave \$3,000,000 to the they have that if they become citizens Southern Educational fund, \$1,500,000 they are liable to be drafted into the to the Peabody Institute at Baltimore, army, that prospect being the bete noir and \$140,000 to the Peabody Academy in of the peasantry throughout Europe. Massachusetts. Senator Joe Brown, of Here is one of the methods (of which he Georgia, has given \$50,000 to a university has a knowledge all too wide) by which there. Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, the wilier and more experienced Italians the willier and more experienced Italians impose on their countrymen. They elect school of that city, and Robert L. Stuart, to act as middle-men between the charithe millionaire sugar refiner who died table institutions, particularly those that about five years ago, had given before his death \$200,000 to Princeton College, One of the curious charities of the while earning their living, will be told United States is the Louise Home at by some man of her acquaintance that for Washington. This is a home for reduced gentlewomen. It is supported by a week, she can place one of the children W. W. Corcoran, and is named after in an institution where it will be well Corcoran's deceased daughter Louise. provided for. She grasps eagerly at the The ground upon which it stands is prospect. He then goes to the establishworth a fortune, and the beautiful build- ment, say the Five Points House of Ining erected upon it must have cost several dustry, or the New York Juvenile Asyhundred thousand dollars. The ladies ad- lum, represents the woman as helplessly mitted to this home live there as though poor and himself as acting in her behalf, at a hotel. They have their rooms to and gets the child received free; therethemselves, they are treated as though after he, of course, goes on pocketing his they were the owners of the house, and dollar and a half a week indefinitely. they entertain their triends. Mr. Cor- So much of this has been done that most coran always visits, them New Year's, of the institutions now refer all Italian

A Japanese Curiosity.

A literary event of national importance morial window in an English church to ects over twelve hundred years old, with the memory of the poet Tom Moore. all the ancient commentator's notes. He subscribed largely to the monument | This work has disappeared in China ever to Alexander H. Stephens, and he gave, since the Southern Sung dynasty-i. e. for some seven hundred or eight hundred ments to the two Southern poets, Haine years; and as the whole history of the Amos Lawrence, one of the noted ernment has directed the Minister in Boston millionaires of the past, gave Japan to borrow it, in order that a care-

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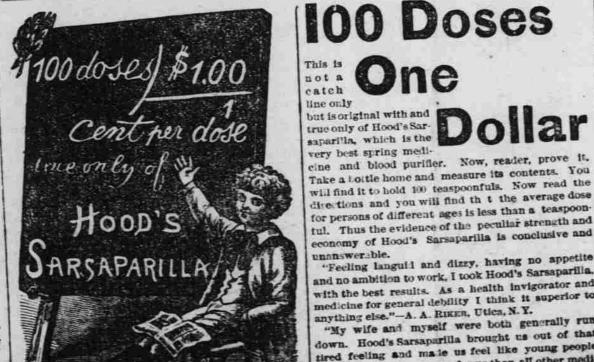
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affection. In due time the messenger arrived, bringing the promised gift, which proved to be an iron egg. The princess was so angry to think that the prince should send her so valueless a present that she threw it upon the flour, when the iron egg opened, disclosing a silver lining. Surprised at such a discovery she took the egg in her hand, and, while examining it closely discovered a secret spring, which she touched, and the silver lining opened, disclosing a golden yolk. Examining it closely, she found another spring, which, when opened, disclosed within the golden yolk a ruby crown. Subjecting that to an examination she touched a spring and forth came the diamond ring with which he affianced her to himself. A New Evangelist.

the Rev. Pascal Porter, of Madison, Ind., who is only eleven years old. The youthful evangelist has been drawing immense crowds at Williamston, Ky. As described he is a handsome boy, with bright brown eyes and well-shaped head. Out of the pulpit there is nothing in his manner or derful memory and great gift of language, deep. One account says of him: While all proclaim that his preaching is wonderful and interesting, the community are about equally divided as to whether his sermons are original or whether he has another; but all admit, whether they are original or not, that the boy preacher is a wonder and a prodigy.

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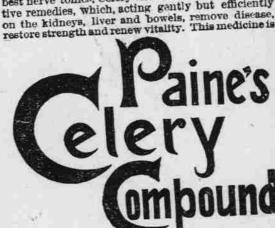
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