The average seiling price of each ani-

mal fed on the different rations, with

the cost of food added, exceeded the

buying price as below: Ensilage and

meal, \$12.65; ensilage, hav and meal,

It is considered that these experiments,

of which a full account is given in Sta-

tion Bulletin No. 82, have demonstrated

that beef can still be made at a cash

profit where suitable grade animals are

Two important statements, however,

are made in this connection which should

not be overlooked. First, it has been

made pretty clear that ensilage and

meal only do not furnish a ration that is

altogether safe in finishing beef cattle;

and second, the experiments have proved

in a comparative sense the great safety

in feeding a ration in whicher roots con-

stitute an important factor. In the

meantime farmers who are growing roots

for this purpose are advised to continue

to grow them and to grow corn in addi-

tion, where this is practicable.-New

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

If you wish to keep seed keep away

Beets can bear some frost but not

The rubber plants are natives of tropi-

Winter Cheer is the name given to a

Early chrysanthemums are gaining in-

Tuberous begonias given a moderate

Since horses have no gall bladders to

The hav for heifer calves should be

As rust is a fungoid growth it is in-

urious to animals to feed straw which

The white pippin resembles the New-

W. F. Massey, of the North Carolina

Too much heat is more injurious to

plants than too little. This is especially

The Florists' Exchange names the Per-

Under the name of nicotiana colossea

civalliana as one of the best free-grow-

ing and flowering cattleyas for florists'

this gigantic tobacco had figured as a

seedsman's novelty for the past two

in heaps in the cellar without covering.

but beets, without earth or sand, will

Potatoes and parsnips may be stored

Do not put off spraying the trees until

the fruit is so large that it will do no

good. Spray first as soon as the fruit is

Partridge cochins need plenty of exer-

Among young trees, and in half

Plum and pear trees thrive best on a

sandy, clay loam, made rich with man-

ure and given clean cultivation, affirms

Giving a little bonemeal in poultry

food is one of the best remedies for leg

weakness. It is not necessarily a dan-

Parker Earle is a most promising

strawberry for general culture. This

plant is a vigorous grower and its fruit

White Plume celery is beautifully

white when not earthed up, but for

eating is not so good as it looks. Earth-

the care of hotbeds and greenhouses,

Farmers are now giving their time to

Gooseberry culture will pay. Try

The United States Department of

some of the fine English varieties.

Their greatest enemy, mildew, can now

Agriculture seems to have answered

clearly, and in the negative, the question

whether bees injure fruit and especially

seeds early in pots or boxes one may have

a brighi bowering bed of these in June

Four important factors enter into suc-

cessful fruit production-namely, man-

ure, pruning, and spraying the trees with

insecticides and thinning the fruit where

Where a hop arbor is desired, Ameri-

can Gardening says to plant root cut-

tings, which/ can be obtained from any

hop grower or from many nurserymen at

that the gulls on an oak, by attracting

ants lead to the slaughter of quantities

of featerpillars and other insects, which

If you have not yet cleaned the old

canes out from the raspberries, do so

the first time the weather will permit.

Do not put this off until the season is so

far advanced that the spring work is

The separator has given new impulse

for the raising of heifer calves. The

milk from the separator is sweeter and

far more better than the other milk upon

which the animals were formerly fed,

A good lawn improves the value and

a good even sod may be obtained.

its natural enemies.

and is far more relished.

An authority on such matters believes

small cost/.

There is no better bedding plant than

be destroyed by cheap applications.

ing takes away its stringiness.

gerous disease.

large and excellent.

shade, you can plant currents, goose-

cise to keep down internal fat; much

coarse food should be given in their

town pippin, and is much esteemed in

Station, names Henderson's dwarf lima

Ohio and other Western States.

cut very fine and roots thoroughly

York World.

cal America.

new scarlet carnation.

creased attention in England.

temperature do well as house plants.

be acted upon emetics have no effect.

carefully purchased and judiciously fed.

\$10.95; roots, hay and meal, \$8.22.

TO CLEAN HARNESS.

Harness is often made of inferior leather, and by exposure to the air and use such leather decomposes on the surface more so if it is not keep well oiled. The best oil for harness is tanners' oil, and this should be applied after every wetting, and once a 'week anyhow, but in a small quantity, just to keep the leather soft. If it gets hard and dry wash the leather well with warm water and castile soap, then wipe it, and apply the oil before it dries .- New York

## HEALTH HINTS FOR FARMERS.

As the country grows older much of the soil around dwellings becomes saturated with the drainage and slops from the house, so that it no longer acts as a perfect filter. The soil then becomes the breeding-place of bacteria, and these are conveyed to wells, occasioning diseases more deadly than the fever and ague of new settlements. Wherever putrid sore throat is known to exist, look for its cause in some contaminated well whose water furnishes the drinking supply of the afflicted family. Remove the cause and the danger will disappear. It a filter cannot be procured, the water may | mice. be purified by being boiled. It is not an accidental circumstance that the Asiatic Nations, which have longest used boiled water to make tea and coffee decoctions, number more than any other quarter of the globe .- Boston Cultivator.

HOW MANY TIMES TO MILK A DAY.

There has been a good deal of discussion as to how many times a cow should be milked during the day. Those who claim that two times a day is sufficient have a good following, while those who claim that the animal should be milked three times a day also have a certain number of adherents. It is a well known fact that the longer the milk remains in the udder of the cow the poorer it gets, and for that reason three times a day should the animal be milked. For the same reason the night's milk is much richer than that of the morning. It would be well to try milking an animal thrice a day and another two times during the same period, and see which gives the greatest amount of butter. Keep up | bean as the best for his latitude. the expreiment for a week and see how much greater in the aggregate is the butter of one as compared with that of true of hardy and half-hardy sorts. the other .- American Farmer.

FATTENING GEESE.

While the turkey has gained in popularity and retained its quality, the good, old-fashioned goose has been neglected. A real juicy, good young goose is a rara avis. The chief trouble in obtaining a good goose is in the fact that the breeder of the same does not understand the process of fattening. A goose must be fat to be good, and the fatter the better. This means heavy feeding and stuffing. In Germany, that land of the goose and beer, geese are fed on carrots and barley. Each goose is placed in a coop by itself and nudeled. This consists of cramming doughy pellets of mixed grain and carrots down the throats of the birds.

One of the delicacies to be found in the fancy German grocery stores of this country is the smoked Pommeranian goose breast. If we compare the immense amount of fine meat on such a berries, strawberries, raspberries, blackbreast with the rather inferior quality berries, etc. on the American goose, we can readily see the value of careful feeding. As the Germans and Hebrews are great consumers of geese, the above facts may a fruit-grower. prove of value to goose culturists, hence the foregoing is here produced from the Franciers' Journal.

DRESSING POULTRY.

Nearly all the markets require poultry to be picked dry and to be drawn. The førmer requirements secure better keeping, scalded poultry becoming discolored much more quickly than that which is picked dry. The latter requirement does not add to the keeping qualities, but secures the removal of the offal. Poultry that is to be killed for market should be kept without feeding for twelve to twenty-four hours to secure and are also engaged in preparing a stock perfect emptiness of the crop. When of fertilizer for spring planting. the crop is entirely empty, it becomes unnecessary to open the fowl in front, and leaving the skin unbroken at the front of the breast causes the poultry to look better. But if there be any grain in the crop, the crop should be removed, as the grain will soon become sour and effect the flavor of the meat. In picking dry, the fowl should be killed by either decapitation, sticking a knife through the throat and severing the large veins and windpipe, or by cutting a slit across the verbena. By starting plants from the roof of the mouth. As soon as the fowl is dead-and many pickers do not wait for this-the large feathers of the or July. tail and wings should be pulled, and then the softer feathers plucked. The dressed fowl should be hung to cool off, and if then the head be not severed it can be, and the skin of the neck drawn necessary. over the end and tied. Neatness in the dressing adds much to the salability of poultry. When one kills for his own use he will find the labor much less to scald the fowls, but when he kills for market he must consult the requirements of his market .- American Agriculturist.

MAKING BEEF IN CANADA .-

Experiments were conducted for three years at the Ontario (Canada) Station to ascertain the relative value of the following rations for making beef, viz: Easilage and meal, ensilage, hay and meal, roots, hay and meal, and also the cost of making beef when the values of food a meat are both considered. Leaving of view the details of the experim the following appear as some of the sults from five animals with the different rations used:

The daily average cost of each was as follows. Ensilage, hay are 16.78 cents; ensilage and n cents; roots, hay and meal, 19.10 cents. appearance of any property. If there The average daily incr ease of live are thin or bare spots, manure them weight from each ration peer animal was, heavily now, and, as soon as the ground om ensilage and meal, 1.88 pounds; will permit, work the surface lightly ilage, hay and meal, 1.63 pounds; and sow more seed. With a little care ts, hay and meal, 1.7 4 pounds,

IN A BIG LAUNDRY. AN ESTABLISHMENT WHERE IT

IS ALWAYS WASH-DAY. How the Linen of Great Steamships and Hotels is Cleaned-The Machinery in Use and

How It Works.

THE requirements of the great steamboat and steamship companies, and of the hotels and restaurants, far surpass anything known of in the past, and to execute their laundry work appliances of the most perfect description are required,

says the Scientific American. When the articles are received at of the great laundries in New York an there. The washing machines are cylindrical boxes containing each of them a drum of nearly their own diameter, and perforated with holes and with an opening through which the goods are introduced. The articles are put into this interior drum by hand, the door is closed and bolted, and water is turned in and the machinery is started. The machinery rotates the drum alternately in one direction and in the other, an automatic belt shifter being provided for reversing the motion. A solution of soap, one or two bucketfuls, is introduced, and the operation of alternate rotation in one direction and in the other is kept up until the goods are washed. The wash kept in motion a rinsing is effected. Ultimately, the water in which they are rinsed is heated so as to remove the last

particles of soap. The next operation is the drying or wringing of the goods. This is effected in centrifugal driers similar to those used in the sugar industry. The wringer being stationary, the operator packs it as full of the linen as possible, stowing it which carries rotating dram holding the bottom only; in other instances it is

carried by a lower bearing only. The rapid rotation of the drum by its gyroscopic action imparts the requisite steadiness. When full of wet goods, the belt is thrown on the moving pulley and the drum begins to rotate slowly, acquiring speed gradually. The action forced out against its periphery, so that | pang ? eventually the linen is all squeezyl into a hollow cylinder and the center of the the side of the drum is caught by the casing and runs away. The articles are

still in use and gives good satisfaction stationary animals are slower than the for a certain class of articles, is a large | holothurias. They lie like gray, brown, box weighted with iron and stone and or black leather pipes or cylinders on the other refuse material and is caused to bottom of the sea. One might watch travel back and forth over the table. At the ends of its course wheels carried by better to do, and hardly see them change brackets on one or the other end of it, as | their position; and they rarely move the ease may be, striking on an inclined plane, raise first one end and then the other. The goods to be mangled are wrapped around a wooden roller together with a light blanket or cloth. As the box tips up at the end of its course, one of these rollers is placed under it, then as the box returns, its weight comes upon the roller, and rolling thereon, completes its course, subjecting the material to very heavy pressure at the ordinary temperature. The roller is removed at the release and the article is taken from it and another one put in its

Several of these machines are used and are found to give, for a certain class of goods, a better finish than the hot

Several kinds of hot process mangles of the more modern construction are employed in these works. One kind has four rolls geared together, which rotate over a four sectioned steam table. This steam table is grooved where the rollers come upon it, so as to almost fit their peripheries. The rollers are covered with felt, one edge of this being pasted to them by starch paste, the rest wrapped around them in such a direction that the natural rotation of the rollers tends to draw it always tighter. In operation the goods are straightened out at the side of the machine furthest from the reader, and are inserted beneath the first roller. This catches them between its periphery and the smooth and highly heated steam table, and draws them forward, smoothing them out and delivering them to the the next, and so on to the fourth, they purpose. finally coming out at the nearer end of the machine dry and mangled or ironed. The rollers are spaced some distance apart, and as the damp goods go through them clouds of steam escape from the

When large articles have to be mangled, ordinary steam room drying is resorted to. These are simply large rooms with very long steam coils arranged near the floor, and provided with tracks and rollers. On these racks the pushed back into the drying chamber, the doors are closed and the goods left there until dry.

The capacity of the laundry is put at lewing may be cited:

The river steamboats deliver their goods in the morning and take them away in the afternoon, it being quite possible to receive a consignment at 12 o'clock and turn it out finished at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Sometimes a single ship, such as the Etruria or Umbria, will bring in from 20,000 to 25,000 pieces in a single consignment. It will be seen from this on how large a scale the work is done.

One interesting feature of the establishment is that they manufacture their own soap. Five hundred pounds of tallow, of the very best quality, are melte ! down, and to it are added ten pounds onification takes place without the Riverside (Cal.) Press. dition of water, and after a thorough

etion, the soap is allowed to cool and

to the laundrymen, but seventy-five pounds of it are dissolved in a tank containing 600 to 700 gallons of water, and from this one or two buckets are taken at a time to be thrown into the washing machines.

"Crowd Poison."

The newest name for bad air is "crowd poison." Two medical men have been endeavoring to determine what it is that makes the air of crowded places poison. ous to those who breathe it. Their object was to find out whether the effect was owing to the diminution of oxygen. as generally believed, or to the presence of deleterious organic matter in the carbonic acid expelled from the lungs, as the majority of physiologists maintain. or to the excess of carbonic-acid gas pure and simple. The conclusion arrived at is that the excess of carbonic. account of their number is sent with acid gas is alone responsible for the them, or sometimes they are counted headache, feeling of suffication, etc., frequently experienced through the breathing of a contaminated atmosphere. Some persons yield much more readily than others to this combined exhalation from many systems, and persons are overcome by it who can withstand the air of a room vitiated from other causes. During the recent Lord Mayor's show it-London the foul air of the crowded streets was noticeable. To such as sat slightly above the level of the pavement the impurity of the air was distinctly perceptible. The baneful effect of impure air was recently felt in a remarkable way in a London court room. When the judge entered his court in the morning he found the jurors and counsel alwater is then drawn off and replaced by ready exhausted and soon began to clear water, and the drum being still experience a similar feeling. On ordering on investigation he was informed that "the engine was out of order, and could only pump into the court the stale air that had been used two days ago." The windows were so constructed as to prevent any proper ventilation of the premises, so that no assistance could be obtained to expel the two-days'-old atmosphere which the pumps persisted in sending into the court. The result compactly down in the drum. The shaft | was that when the jury list was disposed of the judge, instead of sending goods is journaled at the top or at the for more cases, sent the jurors home and quickly followed their example. - Chicago News Record.

Trepang.

Nowhere have such rare tastes in food been developed as among the Romans in ancient times and the Chinese. There may be found in the bills of fare of the of the centrifugal force on the goods is latter people addled eggs, fat grubs. quite interesting. When the wringer caterpillars, sharks' fins, rats, dogs, Instarts it is packed full to the top. As | dian birds' nests, and-the finest of ail the drum acquires velocity the goods are | their delicacies -trepang. What is tre-

Trepang or tripang is a collective name by which a considerable number drum is quite empty. The water that is of species of most curious sea animals thrown out through the perforations of are designated; they are also known as sea rollers, sea cucumbers, in French as cornichons de mer, and scientifically as now ready for the mangling or ironing. | holothurias. They are among the most The old-fashioned mangle, which is sluggish of animals. Only the fixed or | that the yacht has taken the king aboard them half a day long, if he had nothing more than a foot or two in several hours. Their class relatives, the other spinyskinned animals or echinoderms, are much more active. A sea urchin or a starfish is able to get away from a spot quite nimbly, and the serpent-stars, the most active members of the whole order, are capable of using their long, slender, many-jointed arms as legs, and are as quick and alert as crabs.-Popular Science Monthly.

The Giant of All Timepieces.

The greatest herological wonder in world to-day is the gigantic clock in the tower of the immense "Public Building" at Philadelphia. When everything is in running order this marvel of the clockmaker's art will be stationed a distance of 351 feet from the pavement. Its bell weighs between 20,000 and 25,000 pounds, and is the second largest bell of any kind in America, the great bell at Montreal being the largest, weighing 28,000 pounds. The dial of this Philadelphia titan is twenty-five feet in diameter, and the striking hammer is as large as a pile driver weight. The minute hand is twelve and the hour hand nine feet in length. The machinery is arranged so that the clock will strike every fifteen minutes, the quarter, half, three-quarters and hours. The Roman numerals on the face are two feet eight inches in length, the dark part of the figures being 31 inches in width. As it is entirely out of the question to talk of winding such a monster by hand, a threehorse power engine has been placed at next roller; this in turn delivers them to | the square of the tower for that especial

The Proper Way to Shampeo. A dermatologist of high standing says that the proper way to shampoo the head is to use some pure soap, such as three interstices, so that one passage Castile of the best quality, or glycerine through this machine virtually dries soap, made into a "good lather on the head," with plenty of warm water, and rubbed into the scaip with the fingers. or with rather a stiff brush that has long bristles. When the scalp is very sensitive borax and water, or the yolk of three eggs beaten in a pint of lime water. racks that roll in and out on elevated are recommended instead of soap and water. After rubbing the head thorgoods are hung, the racks being drawn oughly in every direction and washing out into the room; the racks are then out the hair with plenty of warm water, or with douches of warm water, alternating with cold, and drying the hair and scalp with a bath towel, a small quantity of vascline or sweet-almond oil 100,000 pieces per day. The washing should be rubbed into the scalp. The machines will accommodate 300 sheets oil thus applied is used to take the place at a time, or 1000 towels. To illustrate of the oil that has been removed by their capacity for quick work, the fol- washing, and to prevent the hair from becoming brittle.-New York Post.

An Extraordinary Tomato.

We see it stated in three or four papers (and of course it must be so) that a man at Rialto has a tomato tree on his place that is nineteen feet high and with such a spread of branches that it shades the house. The leaves are of a dark green, the fruit of medium size, of a rich crimson color, smooth skin, few seeds, of delicious flavor, and breaks open like an apple, though without any core. It grew from the seed planted last April. and promises to continue its growth until old age cuts short its useful life. The owner gathers the fruit every few days, of caustic potash and seventy pounds of as it is a continuous bearer in this clicastic soda. These are heated to between | mate. On December 3d he gathered 219 and 125 degrees Fahrenheit. The ripe tomatoes from the single tree .-

The municipal debt of New York City ready for use. It is not delivered solid is \$155,000,000.

MARDI GRAS.

HOW LENT IS USHERED IN AT NEW ORLEANS.

The Climax of More Than a Week's Series of Festivities-The Arrival of Rex - Grand Paradeof Floats.

TULIAN RALPH says in Harper that on mardi gras, the day before the beginning of Lent, is the time to be in New Orleans, particularly for a stranger, because in the scenes of the carnival is found the key to the character of the people. They are not like the rest of us. Our so-called carnivals, wherever and whenever we have tried to hold them, have been mere commercial ventures, illustrated with advertisements, carried out by hired men, and paid for by self-seeking persons, who had not the backing of any populace. But in New Orleans the carnival displays are wholly designed to amuse and entertain the pleasure-loving, light-hearted, largely Latin people who originally took part in them, but who have surrendered active participation to the leading and wealthy men of the

The actual mardi gras celebration is only the climax of a series of festivities lasting ten days or more. First is held the Bal Des Roses, in the week before the week which precedes the public carnival. This ball is purely a "society affair," like our Patriarchs' Ball in New

The week which follows is one of almost daily sensations. First, on Monday, the Argonauts begin the prolonged festivities with a tourney and chariot racing. A ball at night follows. Tuesday the Atlanteans give their ball. On Thursday Momus gives a ball, with tableaux, in costume. On Friday of this gala week is held the Carnival german. The Carnival German Club is composed of twenty-five society men, who give the german by subscription. Only seventy-five couples participate in it. The carnival proper is celebrated with

pagentry and dancing that occupy the

afternoons and nights of Monday and "Fat Tuesday." Rex, the King of the carnival comes to town on Monday afternoon. Who he is a few persons know at the time; who he was is sometimes published, as in 1891, and more often is not. What is called a royal yacht is chosen to bring him from some mysterious realm over which he rules in the Orient, to visit his winter capital in the Crescert City. Last time the royal yacht was the revenue cutter Galveston, but ordinarily the societies hire one of the big river steamboats. The yacht is always accompanied by ten or fifteen other steamers, gayly decorated, crowded with men and women and appointed with bands of music and all that makes good cheer. It is supposed at the jetties. The fleet returns, and the royal landing is made upon the levee at the foot of Canal street, amid a fanfaronade of the whistles of boats, locomotives and factories and the firing of guns. The king is met by many city officers and leading citizens, who are called the dukes of the realms, and constitute his royal court. These temporary nobles wear civilian attire, with a gold badge and bogus jewelry as decoration. Many persons in carriages accompany them. A procession is formed, and the principal features of the display are a gorgeous litter for the king, a litsplendid litters in which ride gayly cos-

The king goes to the City Hall accom-

panied as I have described. The way

is lined with tens of thousands of spec-

who is the Mayor, welcomes Rex, and

the city. The king mysteriously disappears after that, presumably to his pal-That night, the night before mardi gras, the Krewe of Proteus holds its parade and ball, and in extent and cost and splendor this is a truly representative Vegetable Kingdom" was what the last Proteus parade was entitled. It consisted of a series of elaborate and splendid floats forming a line many blocks long and representing whatever is most ricturesque, or can be made so, among vegetable growths. The float that struck me as the most peculiar and noteworthy bore a huge watermelon, peopled, as all the devices were, with gayly costumed men and women, and decked with nodding blossoms, waving leaves, dancing tendrils. and the glitter and sheen of metal, lustrous stones, and silk. Butterflies, caterpillars, birds, a great squirrel on the acorn float, snails, and nameless nen dressed as fairies, of both sexes, tawdry. They were made by skilled of the show pieces we see in other pagebest that are exhibited in theatres. They in the glare of the torches and flambeaux | public. carried by the men who led the horses and marched beside the hidden wheels. The figures in Paris-made costumes. theatrical paint, and masks were 150 to 200 members of the Krewe-serious and earnest men of affairs during the other

On Tuesday, mardi gras, Rex really made his appearance, leading a pageant called "the symbolism of colors," just such another display of the blending of strong and soft colors, but a thousandfold more difficult to render satisfactor. ily by daylight. The twenty enormous floats in line represented boats, castles, towers, arches, kiosks, clouds and thrones, and one, that I thought the best of all, a great painter's palette, lying against two vases, and having living female figures recumbent here and there to represent such heaps of colors as might be looked for on a palette in use. Canal street, one of the broadest avenues in the world, was newly paved with human forms, and thousands of others were on the reviewing stands built before the faces of the houses, over the pavements. The sight of such a vast concourse of people was as grand as the chromatic, across and across the street. That night | Spectator

days of the year.

all the people turned out once again and witnessed the parade of the Mistick Krewe of Comus, a Japanesque series of floats called "Nippon, the Lord of the Rising Sun." The display was, to say the least, as fine as any of the season.

Salt and Civilization.

Though playing an unobtrusive part in human economy, salt has been a powerful factor in the politics, commerce, and wealth of Nations, and its use has marked the advancement of civilization itself. Liebig once said that the state of civilization and the prosperity of a Nation might be measured by the quantity of soap it uses; but a more shrewd observer, Schleiden, claims that a better estimate of a people's advancement can be formed from the amount of salt they consumed. The first trade routes were established

for the traffic in salt and incense; bar-

baric people waged war over the posses-

sion of salt springs; Venice owed much

of her magnificence to the revenues from

her salt lagoons; while the French Revolution is indirectly attributed to the inexorable gabelle, the cruel and exorbitant salt laws which oppressed the French people through four centuries. In Europe, even to-day, the salt works are either owned or controlled by Government; while the Chinese jealously prohibit the export and import of salt. Thus, the policy of kings, the prosperity of Nations, the progress of civilization have hinged upon this unconsidered trifle; but aside from them, common salt has had, in all times, among all people, and in all creeds, a deep religious significance. The Greeks and Romans made salt a part of their sacrifices, and it was offered in direct propitiation to placate the gods of the infernal regions. Among the Hebrews, all flesh sacrifices offered in the temple were seasoned with salt; and the most binding and sacred compact was the so-called "Covenant of Salt," all such treaties being made over a sacrificial meal, of which salt formed a necessary part. The early German tribes thought the ground holy where salt was found, and their prayers more readily heard in such places; while to this day the priest places salt in the mouth of a person receiving the Catholic sacrament

of baptism. The reason of this deep and far-reaching significance is not far to seek. Salt, because of its preservative qualities, has ever been the symbol of eternity, incorruption, fidelity, wisdom, justice, and peace. Christ called His disciples the 'salt of the earth," meaning that in them lay the perpetuity of the Christian spirit. It had also, particularly in the Bible, a terrible and sinister meaning, betokening sterility and irrevocable ruin, as shown in the account of sowing with salt the site of a city destroyed by siege.

Moreover, salt is the inviolable symbol of hospitality, every meal including salt -among the ancients, and in the Orient at the present day-having a sacred character, and creating among the partakers thereof a lasting bond of friend-

"Attic salt" is the commonest synonym for wit: and it is recorded that the Romans who made salt the symbol of the immortal spirit, termed a man's soul his salillum, i. e., salt-cellar.—Demorest's

Why Are Leaves Green?

Attention has been drawn to the fact

that all the world over leaves are of a

green color, but, while the green of plants and vegetables remains the same in all latitudes, the colors of animals vary considerably according to the region ter for the royal keys, and a number of they inhabit. It has been suggested (and partially proven, I believe) that the green color in leaves is due to a substance called chlorophyll, which the leaf structure absorbs from the atmosphere. It is a well-known fact that leaves retators; flags wave from every building; move from the lower strata of our atmusic is playing, the sun is shining, the | mosphere all the poison that the breath whole scene, with the gorgeous pageant of man and the lower animals throw into threading it, is magnificent. At the it; therefore, the importance of leaf City Hall, the Duke of Crescent City, structure should not be lightly over. looked. Botanists of unquestioned gives him the keys and the freedom of ability tell us that a full-grown tree in a crowded community is in reality one of nature's most perfect and complex filters. straining and purifying the air just as a filter does impure water. This important filtering of the tree is only carried on under the stimulus of sunlight, leaves having but little or no power of absorppair of undertakings. "A Dream of the | tion on cloudy days or at night. What we call "growth" in plants is merely the power of that particular plant to convert to its own uses the energy of the sun. Another peculiarity of leaves may be noticed in this connection: The general arrangement of the leaves on limbs and stalks of trees and plants secures between each sufficient space to prevent one leaf from interfering with another. And, not only are leaves so arranged as to exist independently of each other, but, in a general way, they have taken upon themselves the forms best adapted to secure the maximum of sunlight as it is showered upon them in different latitudes. At the equator, where the sun's rays are vertical, we find large flat leaves, like grotesque animal forms were seen upon | those of the banana, plantain and the the vegetables and their leaves, while various species of the cacti. Farther North, where sunlight strikes at an angle were grouped picturesquely on every small leaves and pine "needles" are one. These devices were not inartistic found. Then, again, note the peculiarity of the Australian gum tree: Instead workmen trained for this particular of exposing their broad faces to the sun. work, and were not only superior to any the edges only are so turned. Were it otherwise the sun would rob them of all ants elsewhere-they were equal to the their moisture, it being a well-known fact that the gum tree grows in the were displayed to the utmost advantage driest region on earth .- St. Louis Re-Monkeys and Their Sick.

Monkeys, with some notable exceptions, are some degrees worse than savage men in their treatment of the sick. On the new Jumna Canal at Delhi. India, monkeys swarm in trees upon the banks, and treat their sick in true monkey fashion. The colony by the canal being overcrowded, and as a consequence unhealthy, did, and probably does still, suffer from various unpleasant diseases. When one monkey is so obviously ill as to offend the feelings of the rest, a few of the larger monkeys watch, and, taking a favorably opportunity, kneck it into the canal.

If it is not drowned at once the sick monkey is pitched in again after it regains the trees, and either drowned or forced to keep aloof from the flock. At the London Zoological Gardens the monkeys torment a sick one without mercy, and unless it is at once removed from the cage it has but little chance of

The small monkeys bite and pinch it. The larger ones swing it around by its tail. When it dies as many monkeys as serpent-like line of floats that wound can find room sit on its body. - London

ackets are being made. have the wings arranged in front.

Queen Vict accurate typey s nearly all Grecian In ancient

in white. maidens dressed Dinner particle in honor of engaged couples are quitt the thing. The lily of the valley is the favorite

flower of the Princess of Wales. That dear little poke bonnet that drove our grandfathers crazy is coming back. The latest fad among Chicago young women is said to be collecting souvenir

Of all the personal ornaments, silver bangles continue the longest in popular Elizabeth Caly Stanton says that the

first pilgrim to set foot on Plymouth Rock was a woman. There is not the charming mystery there used to be about where the honey

moon will be passed. Fashionabic assemblies in the French

capital sometimes include as many as thirty titled American women. Mrs. S. G. Grubb is Superintendent of the Salem (Oregon) Public Schools at a

salary of \$1200 a year. Out of a force of thirty-four teachers all but five are If Mrs. Thomas A. Edison wants her husband to take luncheon with her she

has to drive down to his electrical laboratory for him, for unless reminded Mr. Edison seldom thinks of his meals. The Himalaya woolens that are plaid on one side and plain on the other are exceedingly thick and warm, yet are soft and pliable. They are very largely im-

ported for traveling cloaks and for winter A dainty tonnet for evening wear is of white guipure lace, very tiny, as are all fashionable bonnets, trimmed with peach orchids, and has the crown surrounded by petunia velvet secured by a diamond buckle.

Make your velvet dress with a round waist, with seamless back and jacket front, with large reverse opening on a vest of gathered blue peau de sole. Have gigot sleeves, and a rather full skirt, gored in front and straight in the back.

The memorial to Trinity College, Dublin, praying that the degrees and teaching of the university may be opened to women, has been signed by upward of 10,000 Irishwomen and presented to the Provost and senior fellows of the col-

Evening capes of fine ladies' cloth, in delicate, esthetic hues like terracotta, Nile green, old pink or vieux blue, are being made up in Henri Deux shape, and lined with striped flowered brocade in delicate patterns and faint "fade"

and Russian sleeve caps, both bordered with beaver. Fur edge, the neck and the beit. Fawn colored flannel or satin ribbon would give the same color contrast and cost less. An evening gown with a Russian effect is of dull, crinkled white crepe, the low bodice edged with the narrowest and

A gown of dark red flannel has a

shoulder cape some seven inches deep

darkest mink bands for trimming the waist, the head and claws of the animal forming the girdle. Violets give an exquisite finish lying against the fur. . The new feather boas, of the softest

plumes of the owl and in tawny natural colors, cost \$30, and measure two yards. Boas of cared ostrich feathers in the same length cost \$35. Little round collars of marabout feathers in gray and white cost \$7.50; in clipped ostrich plumes, \$6.50.

In several of the women's colleges there is now provided practical training in political details as a means of preparation for the responsibilities of life. Campaigns are organized, platforms are framed and discussed, registration in accordance with the statute is required, and ballots are polled according to the Australian system.

Mrs. Leland Stanford, wife of the California Senator, has a passion for shoes, and she has probably more pairs at a time than Queen Elizabeth ever dreamed of possessing. When she married Mr. Stanford, then a poor man, one of her father's wedding presents to her was any number of shoes-he feared that Mr. Stanford could not afford to gratify his wife's whims in this direc-

Mrs. Oliphant does all her work at night. Her whole life is organize 1 with a view to this habit, and she declares that it is the only way in which a mistress of a house can work quietly and without interruption. Though her hair is snow white, she is a powerful, younglooking woman for her years, and accomplishes more actual writing than any other feminine author in Great

Britain. "Costume Dominicain" is the latest thing from Paris. It is made on the lines of the Dominican monks' robes, of white serge. Round the lower part of the skirt are three black mohair stripes and loops of black satin ribbon here and there. The bodice is a kind of white surab chemisette, with a falling jabot of black crepon. The cachet of this somewhat startling, though very effective, gows is the white Dominican cape, lined throughout with black satin and ornameated all round with Louis XIII. bouclette of black satin.

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