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There are many symptoms of heart disease, which so closely resemble those of more common nervous disorders as to frequently mislead the attending physician. Often in cases of heart trouble the stomach, kidneys, liver or lungs become affected. Again the symptoms may be those of weakened nerves, as tired feeling, sleeplessness, timidity, the patient is easily excited and apt to worry without cause. If you have the least suspicion that your heart is weak study your symptoms and begin the use of Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, the great heart and blood tonic, without a day's delay.

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For children's coughs, croup, etc.

EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

THE United States postal service, in the main, is very fine, and generally speaking there is not much to complain of. This observation applies more particularly to the important mail lines, or what are considered most important. The mail from country post offices and the smaller towns and villages is not always so well handled. We have a letter before us now from a subscriber in one of the lower counties which says, "Sometimes we get THE COMMONWEALTH and sometimes we do not." Such irregularities in the rural districts may appear to some as of small importance, but such is not the case. The man in the country or country town or village is as much entitled to good service as the largest department store, or the greatest law firm in the United States. Let all who handle the mails do it carefully and promptly.

As we write the news has just reached us that cotton sold for more than eleven cents in Raleigh Saturday, and it is probable that before this reaches our readers it will be selling for 11½ or 12 cents. The Southern Cotton Association representatives in a meeting at Asheville in September set 11 cents as the minimum price. Now that they are receiving 11 cents there may be danger of some lagging on the part of the farmers. Some may be inclined to say that inasmuch as they have accomplished their purpose, namely, caused cotton to rise to 11 cents, they need not further press the work. This would be a great mistake. Let there be no lagging. Let diligence be doubled for enlarged enrolment, and let the work of organization be pushed all through the South. There are other victories for the farmers besides getting fair prices for cotton, and by thorough organization they can win them.

WHEN Tom Dixon's play, "The Clansman," was presented in Atlanta, Rev. Len G. Broughton, pastor of the First Baptist church in Atlanta, said that the play was born in hell and is run by the devil. Tom Dixon's reply was that Mr. Broughton is an idiot. These two strong men were school fellows together at Wake Forest, but they seem to have drifted far apart. However, they have both drifted into the current of intemperate language. The old saying that vinegar never catches flies applies well in this case--except the article might be called pepper. Mr. Broughton will not deter people from seeing "The Clansman" by calling it an emanation from hell and a business of the devil; neither will Mr. Dixon's evident anger at criticism help his play. Mr. Broughton likes to have something to fight at and Mr. Dixon delights in full houses at his play, and in this they are both on the winning side. Mr. Broughton finds something to fight and Mr. Dixon is pulling in the money.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT said many smart and wise things during his tour through the South, but we doubt if anything he said was more timely than his admonition to the colored people in a speech at Booker Washington's institute at Tuskegee, Alabama. On the subject of keeping contracts President Roosevelt said to the colored people: "You must teach the people of your race that they must scrupulously observe any contract into which they in good faith enter, no matter whether it is hard to keep or not." One of the great faults of the colored race is their tendency to disregard their contracts. This is a great failing with many people, but it is peculiarly so with the negro. Too often he regards his word and his promise of no importance. When one promises to be on hand at such and such an hour to do a certain piece of work, he ought to keep his word just as much as if he had promised to pay money at that hour. Sometimes a failure to keep such a promise is greater inconvenience than to fail to pay money; but the average negro breaks a promise of the kind and thinks little of it.

THIS is the season of the year when it is expected that people will settle their bills for the year. It would be much better if people could always pay cash for what they buy and not have to pay bills at the close of the year; but since the custom has become quite general, it is in order to think on it a little. The fact that many people wait until this season to pay means that many who do so are dependent in their ability to pay on some one else who has promised to pay them. Mr. A. for instance, has told Mr. B. that he will pay what he owes about the first or fifteenth of November. Mr. A. is depending on Mr. C. for the money which he proposes to pay Mr. B., although he may not have told Mr. B. so. Mr. C. in turn may be dependent on Mr. D. for his money, and Mr. D. may be dependent on some one else for his. And so the chain of dependence runs along through dozens of individuals, perhaps, and if the last man in the chain does not discharge his obligation to the man who depends on him, a long train of disappointments may be set up and a number of disagreements and hard results may follow. It is highly important that the first man discharge his obligations so that the next may do so, and the next, and the next.

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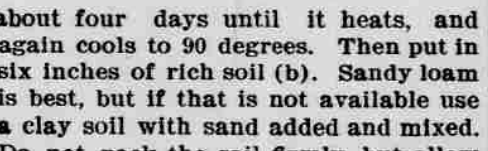
ROAD AND FARM IMPROVEMENT

FOR THE SMALL GARDEN.

Outdoor Hotbed Which May Be Established with Little Trouble.

A very practical hotbed may be constructed for use in a small garden. The bed should be placed in the south or southeast side of fence or building where it will be protected from north winds and receive the full direct rays of the sun. Dig a trench 15 inches deep and as wide and long as the size of the bed desired; 4x6 feet is usually sufficient. Make a frame of boards that will set in the north side, leaving one foot above the surface of the ground, and south side but six inches above ground, as shown in accompanying cut. This will allow sufficient slope to the sashes to insure its being rainproof.

Cover the top with a sash (a), made with 8x10 glass. Fill the bed with one foot of coarse horse manure (b), which has been cured under shelter and forked over a number of times to insure its being of the same fineness throughout. Tramp down solidly on bottom of bed, and putting on sash allow it to remain



SOIL POSITION OF HOTBED.

about four days until it heats, and again cools to 90 degrees. Then put in six inches of rich soil (b). Sandy loam is best, but if that is not available use a clay soil with sand added and mixed. Do not pack the soil firmly, but allow it to remain in a loose, open layer. Again cover bed and allow it to remain a day or two until the soil is thoroughly warmed and the temperature evenly established. Plant the seed in rows four to six inches apart. Cover lightly and water thoroughly. Considerable care is necessary in attending a bed of this kind, says the Orange Judd Farmer. Give it all the sun possible, and when the sun falls directly upon the sash raise one edge a few inches to allow the air to change. Avoid allowing the cold air to blow directly upon the plants. Water heavily rather than frequently, soaking the ground at least once a week, or as frequently as the surface becomes dry. Stir the surface soil frequently, and do not allow it to bake into a hard cake. Be sure that it is loose enough for the tender plants to push through the surface. Some plants require more heat than others, and the bed must be kept more closely covered. Lettuce, radishes and cucumbers require cooler beds, about 65 to 85 degrees, while tomatoes, melons, etc., should be kept at a higher temperature. When the plants are sufficiently matured, they may be transplanted in the bed or removed to open ground and grown to maturity.

PICKUPS.

Have you oiled those harnesses? Good time now. Crimp a hog ring around rope ends. It saves the annoyance of a large knot and frayed end.

Don't get so tied to your work and your farm that you cannot go to breeders' meetings, sales, fairs, shows and farmers' institutes.

Remember the cellar and give it a thorough ventilation occasionally in mild winter weather. If the cellar is a cold one, keep the fruit and vegetables covered with a good kerosene stove will help keep out the frost.

Don't pack the wood in the shed until the surface is well dried, or it will mold and ferment and the wood become punky. In an open shed with lattice upon all sides, it may be packed up as soon as cut if not piled too deeply. Farm and Home.

Old cobsules saved from last summer may be started at any time now to supply next summer's needs. By repropagation from the earliest cuttings made a fine supply of stock plants will be ready to set out when the weather becomes warm. The old stocks will then be useless.

Steel Roadways.

The broad steel tracks for vehicles laid several years ago in Murray street, New York city, have been removed, and the street is to be paved with wooden blocks. The steel tracks were not regarded as a success, principally because of the crowded condition of the street, which prevented their regular use. The Scientific American contends that this test was not conclusive, and that such tracks should be tried on long country hills and in districts where smooth, hard roadbeds cannot readily be maintained.

Prizes for Best Farms.

The Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture, whose object is "to help farmers to know how much money they make during the year and what crops are most profitable, and to promote and encourage clean, up-to-date and progressive farming," announces a contest in which prizes will be awarded for the four best all-round farms, not special crop farms, worked by their owners as their only business and means of support.

Milk Test.

In a recent address Prof. Pearson told of examining four lots of milk that had been held at temperatures of 45, 50, 55 and 60 degrees for 24 hours. They contained the following numbers of bacteria at the end of that time: 445, 3,100, 67,000 and 134,000, the quantities of milk being the same. The bacterial content at the beginning of the 24 hours was the same.

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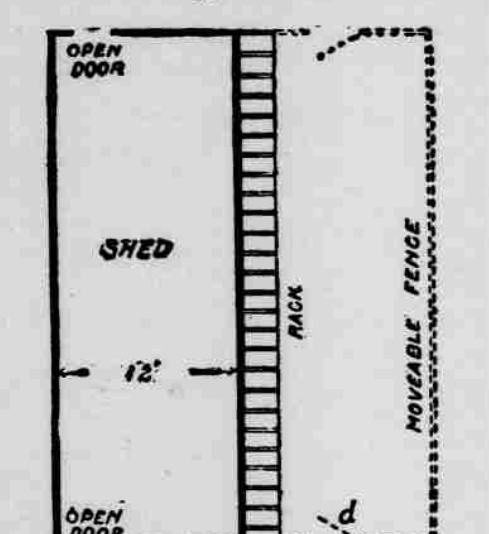
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THE DIARY

FEEDING CATTLE IN THE OPEN

Movable Shed Which May Be Constructed--Is a Great Saver of the Feed.

It is often necessary, or at least convenient, to feed cattle in the open field during the summer and fall months. In doing so a large quantity of feed is wasted unless some means are provided for feeding cattle that saves all of the manure and mixes with it such feed as is wasted under foot. Sheds, as shown, may be built of any suitable length, one accommodating ten to 15 cattle, I find most convenient, writes an Indiana correspondent of the Orange Judd Farmer. The sheds I have are built with end sills 26 feet long, 2 feet under shed and



GROUND PLAN OF FEEDING SHED.

14 feet forward to support movable fence. A 4-foot opening is left in each end for cattle to pass in and out. A swing door (a) is made 2 feet high at rear, or this space may be left clear without door. This allows shed to pass clear of the accumulated manure when moved from place to place. The front of the shed is left open 3 or 4 feet above the trough (c). Vertical bars (b) are put in 14 inches to 2 feet apart to prevent cattle from getting into feed rack. My buildings are made of boards nailed to 2x4 inch scantling, and the roof covered with paper. Any number of these sheds may be placed end to end far enough apart to permit free passage of cattle. The load of feed is driven in at one of the gates (d), and the gate closed to prevent cattle entering feeding yard. In moving the shed, which I do once a week, the team is hitched to the fence end of the runner sill outside of the fence and shed moved to next feeding place.

The Horseradish.

Horseradish usually is given a corner of the garden and there left to take care of itself. In this way it will grow and supply an uncertain amount of roots. On clay soil it becomes a troublesome weed, but on the light land it spreads slowly. A much better quality of root can be grown with a little cultivation. The roots are cut in pieces three or four inches long. Small roots that are unfit for grating may be used for this purpose. These are planted, top end up, between the rows of peas at the time of sowing or late, all that is necessary is to make a hole with a stick deep enough so that the top of the root is about three inches below the surface. When the peas are cultivated the tops are cut off if any get above the ground. After the peas are out of the way the horseradish is allowed to grow. It will soon cover the ground with its broad leaves and will need no further attention till fall, when it may be dug and stored for use as desired. If the soil is loose and fertile the roots will be large and of a superior quality. When grown in this way it does not interfere with early crops and affords a covering for the ground during the hot, dry part of summer. In many places the surplus may be sold at a good profit. Farmers' Voice.

Swiss Cheese Making.

Prof. F. B. Mumford, of the University of Missouri, has recently visited Switzerland and there inspected a good many of the factories in which cheese is made. He says it is a mistake to suppose that all Swiss cheese is good. Even the Emmentaler varies in quality, though as a general thing it is good. It is more uniform in quality than what is supposed to be possible, when it is considered that it is made, not in one large factory, in one place, but in numerous factories in different places.

Science in Butter Making.

Our grandmothers never had to consider the question of thickness of cream. To them it was all one whether the cream was thick or thin. Since the test has been brought into use it is discovered that a cream that contains about 35 per cent. of pure butter fat is best for buttermaking. The cream that is only about 25 per cent. pure butter fat often develops too much acid and makes poor butter.

Cleaning the Udder.

No matter how clean the udder of the cow looks, it should be rubbed with a damp cloth before the milking operation begins. There is on it dust that is not apparent to the eye, and this dust may become very harmful in starting the milk to souring. A single particle of dust that is invisible to the eye may contain several lactic acid ferments. Farmers' Review.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR

For children's coughs, croup, etc.

PATIENCE.

(Lowell Otis Reese, in Leslie's Weekly.)
Have you wearied of the battle? Have you grown discouraged, son? Looking backward in life's pathway, is it little you have done? Does the wool beneath your fingers seem to tangle more and more? While the riddle of the future seems yet stranger than before? Just be patient for a season, for at last the mystic fates Bring the tangle threads out even for the one who works and waits.

Does she shyer seem and farther from your love's entreating hands Than his harbor from the sailor wrecked upon the barren lands? Is the call of music stronger than your heart's heecheeing cries As she whirls amid the gay ones with the glamour on her eyes? Yet be patient. Youth will waken, and at last the time will come When the heart no more is stilled and when love will not be dumb.

Have you seen your idols falling by the road you bravely trod With your whole life dedicated to your people and your God? Did you lift against the dragon dauntless your single lance, To be stricken down by malice or the sword of circumstance? Still be patient, oh, my brother, and take courage in the fight--For your own soul will reward you in the battle for the right!

Have you wandered in the wilderness till hope is nearly dead, While the flying brush of time has painted winter on your head? Is the promised land no nearer to you anxious, dimming eyes That have watched the silent heavens for a glimpse of Paradise? Patience!--just a little longer, and the dark night will be gone, And your soul behold the splendor of the everlasting dawn!

Sixty Weeks for \$1.75.

The new subscriber to The Youth's Companion for 1906 who at once sends the subscription price, \$1.75, will receive free all the remaining issues of the paper for 1905. These issues will contain nearly 50 complete stories, besides the opening chapters of Grace S. Richmond's serial, "The Churchills' Latch String," a sequel to her story of "The Second V. L.," which appeared in the early weeks of this year. Madame Sembrich will contribute an article on "Sovereigns I Have Sung To," and there will be three stories by May Roberts Clark under the title, "Tales of a Pawnee Hero."

These will give a foretaste of the good things in for 1906, full illustrated Announcement of which will be sent to any address free with sample copies of the paper.

New subscribers will also receive a gift of The Companion's "Minutemen" Calendar for 1906, lithographed in twelve colors and gold.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION.

144 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

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