

THE SUNSET GUN.

As the sun sets the flag is flung... The sun sets lower, lower—then...

It is the sunset gun. Now slow... The sun sets lower, lower—then...

clear hand; every letter was distinct... was impossible not to see a few words as he placed it on the blotting pad.



AN EARTHQUAKE CITY.

San Francisco used to shocks but expected this disaster. Only recently have they had cause to put up skyscrapers—Part of City Which Suffered is on the flat and made lands—a stupid water system.

The business district lies all along Market street or north of it. Market street, even after it goes past the area of made land, is in depression.

FAME IN FAST COLORS.

In this rapid age, restless, when these... There is play all too fleeting for the man who has his best work in his hands.

The Second Time.

A ROMANTIC SHORT STORY.

The north wind was howling round the solid walls of Cranford Lacy, but within the cozy rooms of the old Tudor mansion all was warmth and brightness.

weather. The wind lifted its voice with an angry moan, and great flakes of snow came falling helter-skelter, thick and fast, upon the surface of the ice.

Demand for Dairy Products.

There is no danger of any great or permanent over-supply of dairy products. The demand for first-class milk, butter and cheese will be equal to the supply, but with better cows, better feeding and more intelligent care, the production must be increased.

Firewood Quickly Dried.

Farmers, by no means considered shiftless, get caught out of a supply of dry wood. Green wood cut into stove lengths and cut fine will dry quickly if spread in a sunny place for three or four days.

Handy Weed Cutter.

A weed cutter may be fashioned out of an old flat file, sharpening the upper end like a chisel and inserting the other end in an old hoe handle.

Special Work for Seeds.

It is special work to grow seeds on the farm, and any farmer who depends upon himself for the seeds to be used next year must be very careful of his varieties.

Drinking Vessels.

Who who keep poultry in a half-hearted way, especially those among us who have other work to do, seem to forget that the drinking fountain for our chickens should be cleaned.

Drained Lands Fertile.

Wet land should be drained, as it may be the most fertile on the farm. By the use of drain tile there will be no unprofitable open ditches, and the field can be cultivated as easily as any other.

Water for Milk Cows.

Experiments show that a cow when in full milk will drink from 1500 to 2000 gallons of water during the average lactation period.

Early Chick Preferred.

When I set eggs from my own pens, however, I prefer to have them hatch out sometime in April.

Bushes in Meadow Land.

While the meadows are still frozen, the ground should be gone over with the brush and the alders and brush cut off close to the ground.

For Repairing on the Farm.

Much valuable time is lost on the farm for lack of carpenter supplies. There should be plenty of farm-raised or second-hand lumber on hand.

How to Plant Shade Trees.

In planting out shade and fruit trees set them in the same row position to the sun as they had where they grew.

Consul Johnston of Algiers writes that the adulteration of olive oil with cottonseed oil has caused a law to be promulgated there requiring all admixtures to be so marked plainly and with the proportions of adulterations.

Quaint and Curious.

Musbrooms grow all over the world, and are good in Siberia as in the tropics.

Colored Rain.

"Colored rain," in the shape of millions of little red, green and yellow insects, fell recently at Angers, France.

San Jose Scale Cure.

The following is a formula recommended in dealing with the San Jose Scale: Dissolve 3 pounds of whale oil soap in 1 gallon of boiling water.

Bluegrass Seed.

The House Committee on Agriculture of Washington, D. C., has favorably reported the bill introduced by Representative Trimble fixing penalties for the adulteration of bluegrass and other seed.

When Scientists Erred.

Dr. Lardner maintained steamers could not carry enough coal. It occasionally happens that the predictions and theories of mathematicians and scientists are woefully unproved and contradicted by actual results.

Orchid Romance.

Orchid lovers have for many years been watching for the red recovery of Fairie's lady's slipper orchid. They wanted it, not merely because it had been utterly lost to cultivation, but because it was the parent of many of the most beautiful hybrids we have.

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Steel Preferred.

After the excitement when a woman was arrested for threatening to shoot Mr. Steele of J. P. Morgan & Co., one of the lawyers involved in the case and two reporters were discussing the case.

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