

BILL ARP'S WEEKLY LETTER

CHARACTERISTICS OF FRUIT AND MEAT EATERS.

A Dissertation on Gardening—He Tells How People Lived Before the Introduction of Flesh as an Article of Food.

Bill Arr at Atlanta Constitution.

And now the potato bugs have come again—come early—abundant of time, and I have to wage war on them.

We had a fruit growers' convention here last week and learned a good deal about exterminating these pestiferous things, both visible and invisible.

The growing of fruit is no doubt the oldest occupation known to man. It most happily combines physical labor with scientific study and the reward is useful, gratifying and refining.

There is nothing about eating flesh up to that time. Before Eve was created the Lord said to Adam: "I have given you every herb and the fruit of every tree and to you it shall be for meat."

Now let us pass down the generations until after the flood. "And God said to Noah. The fear of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and every fowl of the air and the fishes of the sea, and every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you."

Ever since the successful application of electricity as a motive power the prediction that it would supplant steam on the great highways of traffic has been freely made.

Those who think that this prophecy is slow of fulfillment should remember how long it has been the period since eyes were first opened to the power of electricity, and how vast are the interests now involved in steam machinery.

A prominent railroad man who witnessed the final test in that case remarked that he expected "to see locomotives go into the scrap heap, as the old stage coaches had to go."

That was all right until he found his Angelina and then I reckon he killed a chicken for breakfast. But it is a fact that mankind-headed people will con-

cess, that if they had to kill their own sheep and bullocks and chickens for food they would do without flesh for a long time. It takes a hard heart and a strong man to butcher a lamb, and yet it has to be done. I don't mean a hardened heart, but a heart that will not flinch at sight of pain or blood.

Spain may well be uneasy over the developments of the past few days. In the President's message and the petition of business men for intervention, two strong indictments of Spanish policy have been placed on record.

Spain cannot plead that the conditions which have called out these extraordinary protests are necessary incidents of war. In both cases they are the results of definite and deliberate violations of the laws of humanity by the Spanish authorities.

So-called civilized warfare aims to crush military opposition with the least loss of life, the least damage to commerce and the least destruction of property consistent with effective operations. Otherwise the phrase would have no meaning.

But while it is a good thing to relieve the miserable victims of Spanish barbarity, this great nation ought to have the courage to adopt an effective method of putting a stop to the barbarity.

It will require time, however, and much of it to make this revolution. Money is going into steam railroads every day, and a vast amount of it is now invested in such property.

There are already over 38,000 of them in use on the railroads of the United States representing a value of at least \$370,000,000, while their original cost was nearly twice that sum.

Just though the contest may be long and stubborn the result is a foregone conclusion. Steamship and operation is on the side of electricity, and probably there are children now living who will see the day when they will look upon a steam locomotive as a curiosity and wonder that their fathers could be satisfied with such a clumsy contrivance for transportation and speed.

THERE IS NO REST!

Rest? No!—The Only Period of Quiet Here is Between Weeks.

The Machinery of Our Mammoth Store Accumulates No Rust by Reason of Idleness.

Our buyer has just returned from his second trip this spring to the Northern and Eastern markets and his arrival has been followed by another rush of new goods—a fresh supply of all the latest and prettiest things out.

For the past 10 days we have been kept busy opening up and selling these stylish new SUMMER GOODS. And we are selling them at prices which admit of no lull in the life and activity of our store.

- Dot These Prices Down. 1,000 Yards Challies, pretty styles, 2 1/2 c. Embroidery, 12-in wide, heavy edge, 10 c. 1,200 Yards Lawns, beauties, 3 c. Ladies' Handkerchiefs, with border, 1 c. 800 Yards Organdies, lovely styles, 5 c. Ladies' Hose, ribbed, 3 c.

Don't Miss Seeing these Bargains. "There are Others." Come to See Us—Our Goods Will Talk for Themselves.

Millinery. Our Millinery Department, too, has been replenished. Everything is up-to-date and prices lower than ever. Glad to have you inspect our SECOND OPENING.

GRAY AND LOVE

STORMY TERRORS OF HATTERAS. A Graveyard of Ships for Two Hundred Years and More.

Cape Hatteras, N. C., Cor., Hatteras Inlet.

This is the particular portion of North Carolina best known to the world. All mariners these two hundred years and more have known of its dangers. It is the graveyard of ships and it keeps the secret of the grave.

The secrets of Hatteras are many, but some are known. The shoals are the "inner and outer diamond," and between these is a trough or "lead," in which the water is 30 feet deep. But in bad weather the water actually "breaks" in this depth.

It is ten miles from the light-house to the outer diamond, and from the latter the Gulf stream is only eighteen miles away. It is the nearest point to the stream on the Atlantic coast. It is very often cloudy and stormy here, when at places quite near there is sunshine.

The attempt to place a caisson on the outer diamond was a failure, and it seems that the trial was not a fair trial. The caisson was towed down, but there was not enough cement to fill it, nor were the other sections ready to bolt on and thus get it well above high water and weighted with cocoon.

The sand is not quicksand, but it is all the while in motion. Hence the quick burial of ships. There is little or no wreckage on the beach save the remains of the ship Altona. The point of the cape is now "losing." The beach above is "bug" as it is termed, was built high on the beach.

The light-house, built in 1870, to replace the old one, which was badly wrecked, is 200 feet high. Its light is often seen at Hatteras Island, 80 miles away. The old lighthouse was not torn down, but was blown up and has left a great pile of masonry two hundred yards nearer the point of the cape than the present light.

The view from the top of the lighthouse is a singular one. With a glass

no less than five life-saving stations are visible. There are fresh-water lakes quite near the light and in these gardens of soil reclaimed from the lake and dyked. Fan palm-trees grow plentifully, and this is almost their northern limit.

In the South's Interest. Since the day when he entered office, the new Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Wilson, has evinced a purpose to place his department in a position to be of greater benefit than ever before to the farmers of the country.

A glance at the list of products mentioned by the Secretary reveals the fact that the South has a deep interest in the success of the plans of the Secretary, and this should be increased by his statement in this week's Manufacturers' Record, that he is anxious and willing to second the intentions from the President that the Department of Agriculture give the South a large share of official attention.

Thus is presented a particular chance for the South to get into close touch with an official who is desirous of bringing his practical knowledge and official influence to bear upon the study of questions of importance to the agriculturist, and it remains for competent men in the South to offer him every facility at their command to acquire the suggestions of their special experience.

It is said that one third of England's revenue goes to pay interest on debts incurred by past wars, one third to keep in a state of readiness for war, and one third to meet the expenses of the civil government. If it were not for war, taxation would be reduced two thirds. People pay dearly for the privilege and glory of fighting and killing each other.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Hitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alternative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding nature in the performance of its functions. Electric Hitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion.

ADVICE FOR JUNE BRIDES.

Suggestions for Wedding Gowns and Floral Decorations—White Organdies is best for the Ceremonial Gown and the Shower Bouquet is Very Fashionable.

The month of roses—the loveliest month in all the year—is a deservedly popular month for weddings, and as June brides are legion a few suggestions will be in order.

A fall of many a girl is to work up until the last minute, and then, in spite of all the time and thought expended and the airy loveliness of white gown and veil, she does not look her best just when she wants to most, because she is dragged out. Be sure to avoid this.

It is well to arrange your hair as you have always done, carefully and neatly, taking plenty of time to do so, and then have your veil wreath pinned on so securely you cannot feel them. Have them adjusted again and again if necessary; don't let them pull or feel the least bit insecure.

A daisy wedding is a singularly appropriate one, the daisy being a June blossom and is symbolic of the girl bride, being "pure white outside with a heart of gold." Besides, nothing could be sweeter or daintier as a house or church decoration than huge loose bunches of this pretty flower and they are so easy to get; they are very inexpensive. Have the bridesmaids' bouquets of them also.

White organdies is the wedding gown par excellence for a girl's June bride. It is not as heavy as satin and its airiness makes it most becoming. When prettily trimmed with lace it makes a charming wedding gown.

A square court train is not as effective as the pointed one, unless the material is very heavy satin. As her train is of great importance to a bride, see you have a nicely shaped and hanging one.

The shower bouquet is the latest. In this the flowers are arranged with streamers of ribbon or tulle to fall almost to the knees, there being a lot of pendant flowers below the bunch at the top.

Have your material for the wedding gown fit up before purchasing it. If it is to be an evening wedding, blue white is usually more becoming to brides and the creamier tints to brunettes.

A VANDERBILT FOREST.

THE BILTMORE WOOD DOWN IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Release of Tree Culture—Mr. Vanderbilt's Pine Plant to Furnish the Markets Everywhere.

Milwaukee Journal.

There is no doubt that the Vanderbilt forest and arboretum, in North Carolina, constitute together one of the greatest undertakings that have ever been attempted by individual enterprise the world over.

Mr. Vanderbilt has undertaken to furnish the highest possible example of the science of tree culture in every part of his plantation, and to this end he has divided his immense tract into two distinct parts, each to be treated by entirely different methods.

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These are virgin woods and the timber is of large size, some trunks attaining 7 feet in diameter, with frequent groups of yellow poplars averaging 3 or 4 feet in diameter. There are cherry, curly walnut, hickory, and various valuable furniture woods in great abundance.

Up to date the United States has been behind all other nations in the care and management of their timber lands, but under the prospects of the great movement now being inaugurated in forestry forethought, this beginning in forestry forethought, this beginning in forestry forethought, this beginning in forestry forethought, this beginning in forestry forethought.

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Many think

"Mother's Friend" is the greatest remedy ever known for all the ailments of children, such as colic, cholera, and all other ailments of the stomach and bowels.



This is high testimony, and a broad declaration, and if it be true as stated, the whole seventy millions of our population will join in an acclamation of praise when they learn that it is the earnest intention to leave it as a legacy to the public.

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