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**Simmons for Congress.**

Hon. F. M. Simmons so ably represented this district in Congress—working so hard for the benefit of his constituents, securing new postoffices and mail routes and doing everything possible—that the people will undoubtedly do the proper thing by nominating him as the next Democratic standard-bearer for Congress.

It is said a great many negroes have left this district—known as the "black." Some say so many have left it is now safely Democratic. Though many have left, the Free Press does not believe enough have left to make the "black" district safe for Democracy, though we believe that Mr. Simmons can be elected because of his great popularity.

Mr. Simmons deserves the nomination and the Free Press believes he will receive it.—Kinston Free Press.

**The Milk Standard.**

A great deal has appeared in the papers about the legal milk standard of thirteen per cent. solids. Prof. Roberts and Deputy Director Wing, of the Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station, are quoted from a recently issued bulletin as follows:

"In view of the fact that a citizen of a neighboring State has been imprisoned for selling milk that was below the legal standard of twelve per cent. solids, it seems worth while to state that while—the average analysis of three days is taken into account—our milk was far above the standard (the average for both lots for the whole period was 13.56 per cent. total solids and 4.58 per cent. fats) yet there was one day when the milk from one lot fell below the legal requirements of twelve per cent. total solids, and several others on which the percentage of total solid came dangerously near the 'dead line.' Had a sample been taken on that day by State authorities we should have been liable to conviction under the law and to a fine of not more than two hundred dollars and to imprisonment for not more than six months. It seems to us that no law can be just that fixes an arbitrary standard for purity of milk which may depend on the results of a single analysis."

**Evil of Buying Cows.**

The foundation of nearly all the ills that beset the dairyman is the buying of his dairy cows instead of raising them. To buy a cow is to buy something on trial. No dairyman can judge of the merit of a cow until he has tested her yield of milk. Cows from other sources also bring disease in the herd.

**ADVICE TO MOTHERS.**

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**Asparagus.**

Those having a permanent home should have asparagus. It is a most healthy and delightful vegetable, and a sure cropper. When once planted it will, with an annual manuring and working, yield abundantly for twenty or more years. Many are prevented from growing this vegetable on account of the supposed expense of making and setting a bed. If you can grow corn and potatoes, you can grow asparagus. The only difference is that asparagus is a rank feeder, and requires plenty of rich, rotted manure, and, as its roots grow deep down into the soil, and occupy the same spot for years, the land should be deeply plowed, and made mellow and fertile before setting the roots. Don't plant in beds unless you have but a limited amount of room. Plant in rows four feet apart, and the length of the garden. If for family use, five hundred plants, costing \$3, will be an abundance. I would use one-year-old plants, though some growers still use two-roots. Lay off the ground, after it has been well plowed and harrowed, in rows four feet apart. Now place old, rich, rotted manure in the bottom of these furrows. Work this manure into the soil by running a single shovel plow up and down each furrow. Now plant in the bottom of this furrow, each plant one foot distant in the row. Spread out the roots and cover roots and crown with the mellow soil from the sides of the furrow about four inches in depth. As the plants increase in growth during the season gradually draw the earth towards them. By the fall the bed should be level. If the entire depth of earth were at once placed on the plants when first put in the furrows, many of the shoots would be smothered, and would not grow at all.

After a number of years' experience in setting out many thousands of roots, we find this much the best way. One of the maxims in growing fine asparagus (shoots) as big as your thumb and some bigger is to keep the plants scrupulously clean from weeds and use plenty of rich manure. Horse stable manure a year old is the best. In addition to this we find it pays to sow one heaping hand full of superphosphate on every two feet of row.

When the weeds start to grow put on a dressing of coarse salt upon the middle of the asparagus row—enough salt to cover the ground. The salt will kill many of the weeds, and will also help the asparagus very much. Two years from planting the shoots can be cut for use. There are several varieties of asparagus—the old stand-by, "Conover's Colossal," being about the best. Those wanting to set out several thousand roots will find it cheaper to grow their own plants. Sow the seed early in April, as you would beets or carrots, upon mellow, rich soil, and then the plants, so they stand two inches apart in the row. By fall they will be fine roots, and can then be set the following spring.

**The Crying Sins of the Day.**

If I were called to point out the most alarming sins of today—those which are most deceitful in their influence and most soul destroying in their ultimate effects—I would not mention drunkenness with all its crazed victims, nor harlotry with its hellish orgies; but the love of money on the part of men, and the love of display on the part of women. While open vice sends its thousands, these fashionable and favored indulgences send their ten thousands to perdition. They sear the conscience, incrust the soul with an impenetrable shell of worldliness, debauch the affections from every high and heavenly object, and make man or woman the worshipper of self. While doing all this the poor victim is allowed by public opinion to think himself or herself a Christian; while the drunkard, the gambler, or the prostitute, is not deceived by such a thought for one moment.—Dr. Howard Crosby.

**Wrong Ideas of Moral Training.**

Moral training has yet to be organized and systematized before it can be carried on with efficiency on a large scale, and this will not be done until its importance is more fully felt than at present. It is taken for granted, in a loose kind of way, that a good character will come of itself to most people. No one supposes that knowledge comes of itself, that power can be gained without trouble, that a trade or profession can be successfully pursued without previous systematic preparation. Yet all or any of these are more possible than that a character worthy of respect and admiration should spring up without being built, or without either care or knowledge on the part of the builder of the material he uses, or the way in which to combine them.

**Life of Jefferson Davis.**

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**Timely Attractions of Women.**

The great art—not duty—which women have to learn is, says a living writer, how to make the best use, in its own time, of the various kinds of attraction, the various sorts of charm practicable by them—each beautiful in its way, but only perfect when in harmony with age and condition. For instance, the simplicity of a child is silliness in a full-grown girl; the unsuspecting frankness of a girl loose lippedness and undignified want of reticence in a woman; the instinctive coquetry and desire to admiration and love, in a maiden, become folly and heartlessness and a fixed habit of inconstancy and, as time goes on, a ghoulsh craving in a matron; and so on through the whole list.

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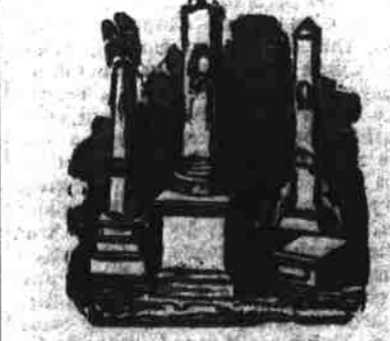
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