

THE SIZE OF AMERICA.

Something of a Nation, According to a Traveled Irishman's Description.

Col. Abraham Gruber is the master of more Irish jokes, it is said, than any other man in town.

"Micky Finnigan, who had been an American citizen for about a year and had returned home to Hibernia for a visit.

"Phew, America is so big, begorra, that if you wor to dr-rag England thr-rough the sh-ates you wouldn't have a mar-ik in the dir-rt; an' you could lose Ireland in one of them gr-rat inland oceans we hov phwat we call lakes; an' if you had Scotch in get rid of, there are a thousand corners you could hide her in, an' nobody could tell where you had put her except, begorra, for the had smell of the whis-ky."

A Tight Squeeze. Brazil, Ark., May 11th.—To be smothered from the very brink of the grave is a somewhat thrilling experience and one which Miss M. O. Garrett of this place has just passed through.

Mrs. Garrett suffered with a Cerebro-Spinal affection, and had been treated by the best physicians, but without the slightest improvement.

For the last twelve months two doctors were in constant attendance, but she only grew worse and worse, till she could not walk, and did not have any power to move at all.

She was so low that for the greater part of the time she was perfectly unconscious of what was going on about her, and her heart-broken husband and friends were hourly expecting her death.

The doctors had given up all hope and no one thought she could possibly live. In this extremity Mr. Garrett sent for a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills. It was a last hope, but happily it did not fail.

Mrs. Garrett used in all six boxes of the remedy, and is completely cured. She says: "I am doing my own work now and feel as well as ever I did. Dodd's Kidney Pills certainly saved me from death."

Set Her Ideal. Nell—A girl seldom marries happily, does she? Belle—No; some other fellow generally comes along with a lot of money.—Philadelphia Record.

Book On South Dakota. A new book on South Dakota has just been published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

"I feel happy to-day," said the Club Woman. "I haven't a thing in the world to do. Not a club to attend. I'm going in for some relaxation. I'm going to clean house and have a good time!"—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Laundering the Baby's Clothes. Many mothers are ignorant of the serious injury that may result from washing the clothing of an infant with strong washing powders and impure soap.

Miss Flynn—"Oh, yes; I've had nine proposals since I saw you last!" Miss Newitt—"Indeed? And did you finally reward his perseverance by accepting him?"—Catholic Standard and Times.

Do You Know that Texas is a State of unappreciated possibilities? No one can foretell its great future.

Nagaby—"Do you believe absence makes the heart grow fonder?" Wagaby—"Yes, but I've found that with most girls presents are a good deal more effective."—Baltimore American.

Don't Get Footsore! Get Foot-Ease. A wonderful powder that cures tired, hot, aching feet and makes new or tight shoes easy.

Even when we are willing to admit that other people know their own business best, we can't help but feel that they are at least very negligent about it.—Brooklyn Life.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

"De man dat has sense enough to take good advice," said Uncle Eben, "is usually smart enough to think it up for himself."—Washington Star.

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Putnam Fadeless Dyes produce the brightest and fastest colors.

Talebearers are just as bad as talemakers.—Sheridan.

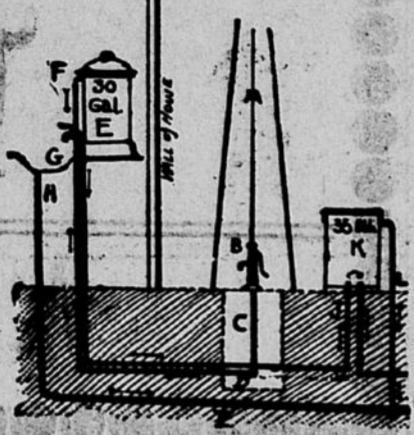
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FARM WATER SUPPLY.

Ohio Farmer Describes a System That Has Been Used for Years with Great Success.

I send a sketch of my water supply which may be of interest to some. I find it very handy in summer. I hardly ever put my mill out of gear, and I an never out of water, and water always cool in house.



STOCK FARM WATER WORKS.

H is waste pipe to sink. I is tile drain for sink, cellar and dry well, and supply tank overflows. J is pipe leading to supply tank. K is a 35-barrel supply tank about 100 feet from house and 40 feet from windmill.

I used three-quarters pipe for all, but the outlet to house tank and supply tank, which must be 1/4 pipes are laid 3/4 feet under ground, through cellar wall and up into kitchen.

Now comes what led me to send this sketch—the inquiry asking how to keep tank from freezing. My supply tank is near my feed yard, where I put a stack of corn fodder around it and over it in the fall, and feed it off in late spring.

A Toast to the Horse. The Baltimore Sun says the following toast to the ever-faithful friend of man, the beautiful and noble horse, copied from the wall of a Maryland stable and published in the Rider and Driver, is of unknown origin, but is worthy of perpetuation.

"Here's to that bundle of sentient nerves, with the heart of a woman, the eye of a gazelle, the courage of a gladiator, the docility of a slave, the proud carriage of a king, and the blind obedience of a soldier; the companion of the desert plain, that turns the moist furrows in the spring in order that all the world may have abundant harvest; that furnishes the sport of kings, that with blazing eye and distended nostril fearlessly leads our greatest generals through carnage and renown, whose blood forms one of the ingredients that go to make the ink in which all history is written, and who finally, in black trappings, pulls the humblest of us to the newly sodded threshold of eternity."

Teach the Pigs to Eat. Be sure and give the pigs plenty of exercise, and as soon as possible the little pigs should be taught to eat. By providing a little pen where in they can get cracked corn and sweet milk, they will soon be able to get away with lots of feed and will transform it into bone and flesh, thereby decreasing the drain on the sow.

Variety in Horse Rations. As a man grows tired of the same food day after day, so does a horse. He appreciates a change of diet, and is in every way better for having it. When horses are on grass, their digestive organs are kept in order, and nothing beyond one feed of oats a day is required, but in the winter, when they are confined so large a part of the time, they should have warm mashes once a day, with a quart or so of chopped carrots mixed therein twice a week.

What Corn Wheat Is. The corn-wheat that has been exploited from the northwest is nothing more nor less than a macaroni wheat with a large berry.

Horse Health Hints. Sheaf oats is an agreeable change in horse feed. Most horses are fed too much hay and rough feed. The colt should grow without any setback to horsehood.

Don't permit colts to be infested with lice or to suffer from worms. These troubles are often perpetuated by stables that are never properly cleaned or disinfected.—Farmer's Home.

MAKING CHEAP PORK.

It Can Be Done by Maintaining a High Degree of Health and Vigor from the Start.

The experiments of our agricultural colleges and experiment stations in feeding for lean meat and strong bone are of inestimable value to the farmers of America. They show the possibilities and limitations of corn, supplemented with other feeds, which can be, to a large extent, produced on every farm, in the way of roots, pumpkins, etc.

Under all circumstances our hogs need a variety of food to keep up a keen appetite and keep them in a healthy and thrifty condition, and if our object in feeding is to induce them to eat as much as possible, nothing is so calculated to stimulate the appetite as a variety of feed. Do not try to raise hogs unless you like them. If you enjoy seeing them eat and grow and get fat, you will be quick to notice how things are progressing, to detect a flaw in your management and to improve your ways, and you will be successful.

ANGORA IS USEFUL.

For Clearing Land of Brush This Goat Has No Equal in the Animal Kingdom.

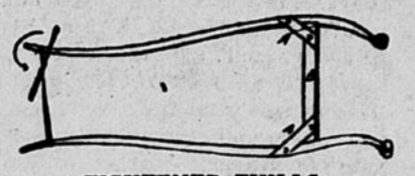
The Angora goat is as different from the hairy goat as the sheep is different from the Angora. It has its fields of usefulness that cannot be denied by the most ardent sheep breeder. The principal use to which they can be put is that of brush exterminators; next, mohair producers; third, as meat producers. In clearing land of brush this animal seems to have no equal. The sheep will take to brush killing if forced to do it; the goat takes to it because it is its nature. He is a browser first and a grazer when there is no browse.

The fleece is called mohair and is used for making plushes of all kinds. It is also extensively used in making rugs, astrakhan cloaks, ladies' coats, dress gowns, coat linings, etc., and the demand is greater than the supply, which has a tendency to keep the price well up in the scale of profit. The dressed skins with the hair on are used for rugs and robes, and many of them are used in the manufacture of capes for children, collars, muffs and cloak trimmings.

REPAIRING THILLS.

Not a Hard Thing to Do, Provided You Know How to Go at It in the Right Way.

To repair buggy or wagon shafts, take a small rope and loop it over ends of shafts and with a stick twist



TIGHTENED THILLS.

the rope until the shafts are snug up to shoulders of crossbar (b). Cut two iron straps from a worn-out buggy tire, three-sixteenths inch thick, and use as a band as at a, holes having been drilled through at one end for bolting. The bars may be placed under or above the shafts, as desired.—Walter H. Garrison, in Farm and Home.

HORSE HEALTH HINTS.

Sheaf oats is an agreeable change in horse feed. Most horses are fed too much hay and rough feed. The colt should grow without any setback to horsehood. Each horse should be fitted with a good hard collar before spring work begins. Horses should be fed regularly. There is no need of a horse eating all the time. When horses are on light work, reduce the feed. When doing heavy work, give the heaviest feed at night. They have more time then to digest it. Don't permit colts to be infested with lice or to suffer from worms. These troubles are often perpetuated by stables that are never properly cleaned or disinfected.—Farmer's Home.

MANAGERIE ON SHIPBOARD.

Some of the Animals Got Loose and There Was an Interesting Time for Sailors.

From Caledonia, New Zealand, there recently arrived in Philadelphia the Danish steamship Kronborg. Previous to loading at Caledonia she had been to Australia, says the Philadelphia Telegraph, and at the Australian port the sailors, to a man, secured a pet. There were two wildcats, a brace of vicious tiger cubs, a kangaroo of no very amiable disposition, a small colony of monkeys, and several black parrots with white topknots.

Things were comparatively peaceful until the Kronborg dropped anchor; then trouble broke loose in the managerie. The wildcats developed all their native wildness and the tigers a thirst for human blood. Even the kangaroo showed a desire to be released upon his captors, and all succeeded in making the ship an unhealthy place.

When a wildcat got loose the unloading of the vessel came to a stop. The stevedores fled from the vessel, and for a time the wildcat had undisputed sway. Finally he was overcome and taken back to his cage. Then there was trouble with the tiger cubs. They were full of fight, and did not hesitate to give battle to all who approached.

This all occurred in one day. If many more such things happened, the men on the Kronborg felt pretty sure that the zoological garden would receive several interesting beasts before the ship left port.

SPECTER IN COLORADO.

Phenomena of the Broken in the Hartz Mountains Reproduced at Green Mountain.

The term "mountain specter" is taken from the Encyclopedia Britannica, where it is noticed under the article "Halo." The best-known example is at the Broken in the Hartz mountains. From the description of the phenomenon as observed at that place, it is inferred that the appearance noted in Colorado was quite as distinct as that at that famous locality. It was observed February 1 from the top of Green mountain near Boulder, Col.

This mountain is a high point in the foothill belt; its summit is 2,500 feet above the plains which it overlooks, or about 7,800 feet above the sea, says Science. On the day mentioned, after 4:30 p. m., patches of white cloud were drifting below its summit. Occasional snow flurries visited the plains below. The temperature was apparently below the freezing point. At the hour of observation the sun, which was not more than 20 degrees above the horizon, was shining clear at the summit.

Opposite the sun, a few hundred feet distant, was a mass of white or grayish-cloud. Upon this cloud was seen a complete circle of rainbow colors. The diameter of the most pronounced red ring was estimated at nine degrees. Outside of this was a faint color, and then a suggestion of red in a still larger circle. Within the nine degree red ring were blue and violet, the center appearing a dull lavender.

In the field within the bright red ring appeared the shadow of the observer, which was so definite as to reproduce all movements of arms and hands. Each observer saw his own shadow and the reproduction of his own movements, and could see nothing of the shadow or movements of his neighbor, if standing more than six or eight feet away. The phenomenon was watched about 20 minutes.

Not Too Lifelike.

"You just let me have that photograph for two weeks and I'll send you a life-size portrait of Mrs. Herihy that'll be a really speaking likeness," said the agent for a new "crayon process" in his most persuasive tone. An expression strongly akin to apprehension appeared in Mr. Herihy's dim blue eyes, and he passed his hand twice across his mouth with nervous gesture.

"Well, now, OI don't know as that'd be annyways necessary," he whispered. "She was wid me in this loife thirty-four years, and that gives toime for a good dale 'of talkin'." O'H'll just have a picture that shows her looks, widout anny mechanical contrivance to reproduce her vice."—Youth's Companion.

Might Not Be Worth It.

"Do you think," said the lady who was shopping, "that anybody would steal this umbrella if I were to leave it for a few minutes?" "Really, madam," replied the shopman. "I shouldn't like to venture an opinion without first examining the umbrella."—Stray Stories.

Only the Tea.

Customer (to head waiter)—Here, sir, this clumsy fellow, has spilled half of my cup of tea down my back. Head waiter (to waiter, sternly)—Bring this gentleman a full cup of tea instantly.—N. O. Times Democrat.

DOCTOR ENSOR Supt. South Carolina State Institution.

Endorses the Catarrhal Tonic Pe-ru-na—A Congressman's Letter.

Dr. J. F. Ensor, Postmaster of Columbia, S. C., late Superintendent and Physician in charge of State Insane Asylum at Columbia, S. C., writes:

"After using your Peruna myself for a short period, and my family having used and are now using the same with good results, and upon the information of others who have been benefited by it as a cure for catarrh and an invigorating tonic, I can cheerfully recommend it to all persons requiring so effective a remedy."—Dr. J. F. Ensor.

Hon. C. W. Butts, ex-Member of Congress from North Dakota, in a letter from Washington, D. C., says:

"That Peruna is not only a vigorous, as well as an effective tonic, but also a cure of catarrh is beyond controversy. It is already established by its use by the thousands who have been benefited by it. I cannot too highly express my appreciation of its excellence.—C. W. Butts.

Dr. R. Robbins, Muskogee, I. T., writes:

"Peruna is the best medicine I know of for coughs and to strengthen a weak stomach and to give appetite. Beside prescribing it for catarrh, I have ordered it for weak and debilitated people, and have not had a patient but said it helped him. It is an excellent medicine and it fits so many cases.

"I have a large practice, and have a chance to prescribe your Peruna. I hope you may live long to do good to the sick and suffering."

Only the weak need a tonic. People are never weak except from some good cause. One of the obscure causes of weakness and the one oftentimes overlooked is catarrh.

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