Uses of Pumice Stone.

The pumice stone, though universally admitted to be the product of volcanic fire, is one of those which have divided the opinion of naturalists. The Abbe Laxaro Spalanzani, who most minutely examined this article, says that the pumice fields where the common pumice is found consists of an aggregation of numerous beds or strata of pumices, each bed not forming a distinct whole, but being a collection of balls of pumice; from which he deduces that they were thrown out by a volcano in a state of fusion and took a globose form in the air. They are of different sizes, from that of a nut to a foot or more in diameter. Though the ground color of them all is white, in some it inclines to yellow and in others to gray. They swim in water and do not give fire with a steel; their fracture is dry and rough to the touch; their angles and thinner parts slightly transparent. Some are so compact that the largest pore is not visible, nor do they exhibit the least trace of a filamentous texture. Others, on the contrary, are full of pores and vacuities, and their texture is formed by filaments and streaks, in general parallel to each other, of a shining silver whiteness. This is the most common pumice stone known, and the kind constituting an article of commerce from the Mediterranean to the United States.

There are several other varieties, particularly one of a dark color, and another of a pale, red, color, both to be found not loose, but in solid beds, and cut in form of parallelopiped blocks. Both the latter are used in Italy for building arched vaults, cornices, etc., but do not constitute an article of foreign commerce.

The greatest part of pumices seem to have feldspar for their constituent principle, some also horn stone, some asbestos, or a stone analogous to the asbestos.

The greatest quantity of pumice to to be met with anywhere is the Campo Bianco, in the island of Lipari, a mountain about a quarter of a mile in breadth. The rock also upon which the castle of Lipari is built is an immense heap of lava, glass and pumice stones, which latter, in fact, are nothing else but imperfect glass or a volcanic ejection, which, if exposed to a greater degree of heat, would have been changed to a vitreous mass. Small quantities are found also in the Arso, in the island of Ischia.

But there is no place in Europe which in the abundance of its pumices can equal or surpass the island of Santorine in the Archipelago, which is almost covered with pumice stones. Many eruptions of pumice stones are in the Phlegreen fields, one of which overwhelmed the unfortunate town of Pompeii,

Pumice stone is used in several mechanical arts, as for rubbing and smoothing the surfaces of metals, wood, pasteboard and stone, for which it is well qualified by reason of its harsh and brittle texture.

The Savage Dog and the Child.

In the stable of a famous sportsman in New York there is an enclosure where a bulldog is kept a prisoner. The dog has won 30 or 40 battles and is so fierce that everybody except the man who handles him in his fights keeps at a distance from the brute. Very often lovers of dogs make a visit to the stable to have a look at the canine pugilist, but they are exceedingly shy in approaching him. Recently the owner of the dog went to the stable about 8 o'clock, and, as the coachman had gone with the horses to the blacksmith's he let himself in with a pass key to have a look at his prize dog. When he arrived at the pen he was astounded and startled to see the four-year-old daughter of the coachman sitting on the dog's side and cheerfully pounding that animal in the face with an iron bolt.

The dog lay there with his enormous jaws open, his tongue hanging out, and his face transfixed by a look of dog-like faith and devotion to the infant. The little girl pulled his ears, pounded his head, stuck her fingers in his mouth, and after she had got through playing with him went off to another part of the stable, while the bull dog whined a plaintive appeal to her to come back and see him again. It turned out that this went on every day, and that, too, with the knowledge of the child's father. "I never knew a dorg to hurt a little kid like that," the coachman remarked sententiously. "They ain't built that way."

The hide of a Galloway steer will make a finer robe than a buffalo's, being of a better color. Buffaloes being a thing of the past, the supply of robes from that source is limited for all time to the supply now on hand, but the demand for robes will go on forever. Why, then, is there not good money in raising the long-haired Galloway cattle and making the hides of the steers into robes that are worth $20 or more each, while the carcass is as fine beef and worth as much as any your butcher ever put on his block.

Hens that cannot drink whenever they require it will not lay regularly, no matter how well they are fed.

Value of Bananas.

The value of bananas as food is not generally appreciated. Ripe bananas are among the most wholesome of foods and their nutritive value is very high, affording all the elements necessary to life. According to table of relative food values, it appears that a pound of bananas is almost equal to a pound of lean beef. In fact the bananas are much better, for their proportionate elements are perfect, while in lean beef there is an excess of the nitrogenous elements which must be carried off as waste while there is a lack of the carbonaceous elements. Travelers in South America tell us that the laborers who gather the gum from the India rubber trees subsist entirely upon bananas. Their routes lead them over mountains and deep into valleys, through almost impenetrable thickets, bearing upon their shoulders an increasing load until it often aggregates one hundred and fifty pounds. The people in and around Quito live almost entirely upon bananas. It may seem rather surprising, but an acre of land, well utilized in raising bananas, will sustain more people than if devoted to any other product. Of course the bananas which reach our market are quite inferior to those fully ripened upon their native soil; still, if selected with care, they will be found very wholesome and relishable.

A Singular Book.

Serenely reposing on the shelves of the Paris National museum are some of the most remarkable literary curiosities in the world, those of the British museum not excepted. Among this collection is an odd little volume entitled "The Passion of Christ," a book neither written nor printed. Every letter of the text is cut in the leaf, and as the alternate leaves are of blue paper it is as easily read as the best print. The labor required and the patience necessary to cut each letter may be imagined. The work is so perfect that it seems almost as though done by machinery, yet every letter was cut by hand. At present the book belongs to the family of the Prince de Ligne, but is kept in the museum for more absolute safety.

An important advance in surgery—the successful substitution of catgut, ivory and bone for defects in bone, muscles and nerve sinews—was illustrated by Prof. Gluck at the surgical congress at Berlin. The inserted material sucks up the juices of the body, establishing the junction of the separated ends without any shortening of the part. Prof. Gluck presented cases in which mobility had been restored to defective fingers—a hitherto impossible feat—by insertions of from two to four inches of catgut; a case in which the removal of a tumor from the thigh had left a defective bone, which was remedied by the insertion of ivory, shortening being prevented; and a case in which a large piece of nerve in the groin had been replaced with catgut, with no serious impairment of functions.

It is generally supposed that the fact that bread grows stale arises from the bread becoming actually drier by the gradual loss of water; but this is not the case. Stale bread contains almost exactly the same proportion of water as new bread after it has become completely cold. The change is merely in the internal arrangement of the molecules of the bread. A proof of this is, that if we put a stale loaf into a closely covered tin, expose it for half an hour to a heat not exceeding that of boiling water, and then allow it to cool, it will be restored in appearance and properties to the state of new bread.

An enterprising and thoughtful farmer will push his work rather than allow it to push him. Nobody has as much time for rest and recreation as the man who is always ahead with his work.

Hooks about the stable, upon which to hang the lantern, are an excellent thing. The lantern set down is frequently knocked over, and the straw or hay set on fire.

When animals are confined, it is the duty of the owner to see that they have a variety of food and enough of it, as well as a full supply of clean water and fresh air.

The average dairyman will never be contented until he has an easy chair for a milking stool and can lie back and take a snooze while somebody else does the milking.

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TRAINS WEST.

LEAVE	1.	11.	15.	23.	29.	53.	55.
	A.M. *	AM. †	AM. †	PM. †	P M †	AM. ‡	P.M. ‡
New York	9.00	12.15		10.10			
Philadelphia	12.03	3.53		12.35			
Washington		6.35		2.10			
Baltimore	4.10	8.05	10.00	4.09	6.28	9.30	2.
Arlington		8.29	10.25	4.23	6.52	9.52	2.55
Mt. Hope		8.32	10.29	4.27	6.55	9.56	2.
Pikesville		8.40	10.37	4.35	7.02	10.04	3.06
Owings Mills		8.50	10.48	4.48	7.13	10.15	3.18
Glyndon	4.51	9.04	10.59	5.01	7.26	10.28	3.32
Emory Grove		9.07	11.00		7.30	10.29	3.36
Finksburg		9.16	11.12	5.14	7.42	10.41	3.45
Carrollton		9.31	11.25	5.30	7.55	10.55	4.00
Westminster	5.20	9.50	11.41	5.44	8.13	11.12	4.17
Avondale		9.57	11.48	5.51	8.22	11.20	4.27
New Windsor	5.33	10.08	11.59	6.00	8.35	11.33	4.39
Linwood		10.13	12.05	6.06	8.42	11.40	4.45
Union Bridge	5.40	10.20	12.09	6.12	8.47	11.45	4.50
Middleburg		10.27	P M.	6.18	P M	AM.	P M.
Frederick Jc.		10.28		6 22			
D. P. Creek		10.33		6.27			
Rocky Ridge		10.40		6.36			
Mechanicst'n	6.03	10.53		6.47			
Edgemont	6.43	11.45		7.35			
Waynesboro	†7 02	12.02		7.53			
Chambersb'g	†7 43	12.40		8.32			
Shippensburg	†8.10	1.11		9.00			
Hagerstown	7.12	12 15		8.05			
Williamsport		12.30		8 20			
	AM.	P M		P M.			

TRAINS EAST.

LEAVE	22.	4.	8.	12.	18.	52.	54.
	P M *	AM. †	AM. †	P M †	P M. †	A M ‡	P M. ‡
Williamsport			7.15		1.30		
Hagerstown	3.35		7.32		1.45		
Shippensburg			6.32		12.50		
Chamb'rsburg			7.02		1.23		
Waynesboro			7.37		1.58		
Edgemont			8.02		2.20		
Mechanicst'n	4.30		8.44		3.11		
Rocky Ridge			8.55		3.23		
D. P. Creek			9 03		3.31		
Frederick Jc.	4.50	6.31	9.07		3.37	6 16	
Middleburg		6 34	9.09		3.40	6.19	
Union Bridge	4.56	6.45	9.16	12.45	3.51	6.32	3.58
Linwood		6.49	9.20	12.49	3.56	6.38	4.03
New Windsor	5.03	6.54	9.26	12.55	4.03	6.47	4.09
Avondale		7.04		1.05	4.17	7.02	4.20
Westminster	5.16	7.11	9.43	1.12	4.25	7.12	4.28
Carrollton		7.25	9.59	1.27	4.43	7.30	4.41
Finksburg		7.35	10.12	1.39	4.55	7.45	4.58
Emory Grove		7.50		1.48	5.05	7.59	5.10
Glyndon		7.51	10.22	1 49	5.06	8.00	5.11
Owings Mills		8.01	10.33	2.00	5.21	8.15	5.25
Pikesville		8 10	10.41	2.09	5.33	8.27	5.37
Mt. Hope		8.18	10.47	2.16	5.43	8.36	5.46
Arlington		8.21	10.50	2.18	5.47	8.40	5.50
Baltimore	6.28	8.42	11.10	2.40	6.14	9.07	6.15
Washington			1.42	8 15	8.15		
Philadelphia	2.20		3.00		9.55		
New York	4.50	6.20	12.30				
	P M.	AM.	A M.	P M.	P M	AM	P M.

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

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