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Never veil the Cross from view.

Blessed Saviour, will Thou ever
Keep us humbly at Thy Cross,
Hiding ever 'neath its shadow,
Counting all besides but dross.

Blessed Cross, on which our Savior
Bled and died that we might live;
Unto all who hide beneath it,
He eternal life will give.

Boston Pilot.

The Dismal Swamp and its Occupants.

Philadelphia Telegraph.

"I have just returned from a visit to the Dismal Swamp," said Dr. A. K. Fisher, ornithologist of the Department of Agriculture, in Washington, the other day. "It was a strange region, full of oddities that are not to be found elsewhere. The purpose of my expedition was to investigate the fauna of the locality, and of rare mammals and birds I secured quite a number. Snakes are abundant and are alleged by the natives to be venomous, but all that I saw were harmless. When I picked up a good-sized one from a log and held him by the neck, the negro who was paddling for me shuddered so he nearly upset the boat.

"I found about fifty species of birds breeding in the swamp. One of them was Swainson's warbler, which is very rare. I trapped several species of small mice—rice mice, field mice, golden mice and lemming mice. The lemming mouse is hard to catch, because it will not take any sort of bait; the only way to capture it is to set a trap in its runaway. I set my traps in dry places out of water. Among other things I got two rare shrews.

"There are plenty of cattle in the swamp—small, dark and very wild. They are the progency of animals that have strayed from domesticated herds. Hunters stalk and shoot them like deer. Bears are numerous. In the autumn they feed greedily on the fruit of the sour gum. Wildcats, opossums and raccoons are not scarce, while squirrels are remarkably abundant. The squirrels have discovered an easy way to get a living by going along the shore of Lake Drummond and picking up the nuts and berries which have fallen into the water and drifted in windrows. They trot along the logs and fish them out with their paws. Deer are common but hard to get. In the fall hunters run them into the lake and catch them with dogs.

"There is fine fishing in Lake Drummond, which contains plenty of perch, black bass, two kinds of pickerel, three species of sunfish and other panfish. There is no dry ground in the swamp, and one sinks at every step to his knees in mud. The cane which forms brakes all through the South is abundant. Together with a varied undergrowth, it is tangled with vines that run up into the trees, so that half a mile an hour is a good rate of progress. One must carry a knife to cut the vines, walking being further impeded by the cat brier, whose thorns catch in the clothing and hold on like hooks.

"The boats used in the Dismal Swamp are all dugouts, made from cypress logs, twelve fell feet long and very narrow. To shape such a craft properly is a nice piece of work. The novice who steps into one of these boats is apt to go out on other side, but the native stands up and paddles with security. The water is darker than amber and excellent to drink; it is said to be a sure cure for malaria. There are no malarial diseases in the swamp. The swamp is full of magnolias, from the size of bushes to trees sixty feet high.

"When I was there they were full of flowers. The cypress trees are cut for shingles. The best trees for the purpose are those which fell from twenty-five to fifty years ago, and are now covered with moss. The negroes wade in and cut off the moss and rotten bark. Then they cut up the log into shingles on the spot. The next best tree is one that is newly fallen, and the third quality is the tree that has to be felled.

Good Counsel.

Rural Mechanic.

Young men of an inventive turn of mind should be constantly on the alert, observant in everything. Note where a saving of time or material can be effected by improved methods. If you cannot make two blades of grass grow in the place of one, invent some method to do certain things quicker and better than by present methods. This is money, and any method by which time is saved has a commercial value. If the operation is performed better and quicker, the commercial value of the method or means enhances accordingly. The simplest inventions are of the most value comparatively. A recent report from the Patent Office states that the majority of successful patents were for articles that retailed for one dollar or less.

A Remedy Against Fleas.

From Insect Life.

All persons who have lived in a house which has become infested with fleas in summer will know how these creatures inhabit the floor by preference, and how they will jump upon the legs and ankles of every one who passes near them. Taking advantage of this fact, some years ago, when the lower floor of McGraw Hall of Cornell University was badly infested by fleas, which had come from animals temporarily kept there in confinement, Professor S. H. Gage invented the following ingenious plan. He had the negro janitor put on a pair of rubber boots, and then tied sheets of fly paper, with the sticky side outward, around the leg of the boots. The janitor was then told to patrol the lower floor for several hours a day. The result was gratifying and rather surprising. The sheets of fly paper soon became black with fleas and had to be changed at intervals but by this means the building was, almost completely rid of the pests, with a minimum of trouble to every one except to the janitor.

The Birch Tree That Split a Rock.

From Boston Transcript.

Among the hills of old Berkshire is a noble birchtree, gigantic in trunk and limb and abundant in foilage, which towers above his neighboring companions, but grows, apparently, out of an immense granite boulder. Here, one might think, it would have paused, submitting to the adamantine pressure, either crushed utterly to the earth or dwarfed and deformed by its unyielding environment. But it had the irresistible evolutionary forces of nature behind it. The sunlight above wooed it from its prison house; it pushed upward toward the light. Gradually the little crevice in the rock was widened, the great boulder was split asunder as by the hammer of Thor—the noble tree was scarcely distorted by the struggle, protected from destructive storms by its conquered enemy.

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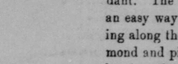
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Thurmont	6.26	10.53		6.46			
Edgemont	7.04	11.45		7.34			
Waynesboro	†7.37	12.02		7.51			
Chambersbg	†8.00	12.29		8.20			
Shippensburg	18.35	1.06		8.58			
Hagerstown	7.30	12.15		8.00			
Williamsport							
	A M.	P M.		P M.			

TRAINS EAST.

LEAVE	22. P M. *	4. A M. †	8. AM. †	12. P M. †	18. P M. †	52. A M ‡	54. P M. ‡
Williamsport							
Hagerstown	4 20		7.00		2.00		
Shippensburg			6.00		1.09		
Chambersburg			6.31		1.39		
Waynesboro			7.04		2.13		
Edgemont	4.44		7.39		2.35		
Thurmont	5.16		8.19		3.20		
Rocky Ridge			8.30		3.31		
D. P. Creek			8.35		3.36		
Bruceville	5.38		8.37		3.44	8.35	
Middleburg			8.39		3.46	8.37	
Union Bridge	5.42	6.05	8.45	12.47	3.52	8.44	4.05
Linwood		6.11	8.49	12.51	3.58	8.50	4.09
New Windsor	5.51	6.20	8.54	12.57	4.06	8.59	4.15
Avondale		6 25		1.07	4.16	9.10	4.26
Westminster	6.04	6.47	9.11	1.14	4.29	9.25	4.39
Carrollton		7.05	9.25	1.29	4.39	9.47	4.49
Finksburg		7.10	9.35	1.40	4.51	9.58	5.13
Emory Grove		7.32		1.49	5.06	9.59	5.15
Glyndon	6.35	7.40	9.43	1.59	5.01	9.11	5.16
Owings Mills	6.43	7.50	9.52	2.01	5.13	8.32	5.29
Pikesville		8.05	10.06	2.11	5.23	8.37	5.40
Mt. Hope		8.10	10.05	2.18	5.36	8.43	5.48
Arlington		8.14	10.08	2.21	5.39	8.47	5.51
Baltimore	7.17	8.40	10.37	2.45	5.54	9.10	6.15
Washington							
Philadelphia							
New York		P M.	A M.	A M.	P M.	P M	A M	P M

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

EMMITSBURG R. R. (Daily except Sunday.)—Trains East will leave Emmitsburg at 7.50 and 10.00 A. M. and 2.55 and 4.50 P. M., arriving at Rocky Ridge, 8.30, and 10.30, A. M. and 3.35 and 5.20 P. M. Trains west will leave Rocky Ridge at 8.35, and 10.40 A. M. and 3.31 and 6.34 P. M., arriving Emmitsburg 8.56 and 11.10 A. M. and 4.01 and 7.04 P. M.

FREDERICK DIVISION PENNSYLVANIA R. R. (Daily except Sunday.)—Trains for Frederick leave Bruceville at 9.40 A. M. and 5.00 P. M. Trains for Taneytown, Littlestown and York leave Bruceville 7.44 A. M., and 3.45 P. M.

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Berry Culture.

M. A. Thayer, in Country Gentleman.

Winter protection is an absolute necessity for growing small fruits successfully in a northern climate. It should be practiced in every locality where the temperature reaches zero or below. With the high cultivation now practiced, a large and tender growth is stimulated; hence the greater necessity to maintain as uniform a temperature as possible throughout the winter. Even in localities where plants show no injury, and among those considered most hardy, the vitality is often affected, and the succeeding crop very much reduced.

The best winter protection for blackberries, raspberries and grapes consists in laying them down and covering lightly with earth. All old canes and weak new growth should be cut out and burned soon after fruiting, leaving only strong, vigorous plants. If plants have been well mulched in summer with green clover, clean straw, or coarse manure, as they should be, less earth is required by using this mulching.

In laying plants down (the rows running north and south), commence at the north end, remove the earth from the north side of the hill about four inches deep, gather the branches in close form with a wide fork, raising it toward the top of the bush, and press gently to the north, at the same time placing the foot firmly on the base of the hill, and press hard toward the north.

If the ground is hard, or bushes old, a second man may use a potato fork instead of the foot, inserting same deeply, close to south side of hill, and press over slowly, bending the bush in the root until nearly flat on the ground. The bush is then held down with a wide fork until properly covered. The top of the succeeding bill should rest near the base of the preceding hill, thus making a continuous covering. This process is an important one, but is easily acquired with a little practice. In the spring remove the earth carefully with a fork and slowly raise the bush.

With hardy varieties, and in mild winters, sufficient protection may be had by laying down and covering the tips only. Grapes being more flexible, are laid down without removal of earth near the vine.

There is no more important work on the fruit farm or garden than winter protection, and there is no work more generally neglected. Let it be done thoroughly, after frosts have come and before winter sets in. Strawberries grow rapidly in October, and make many weak plants. Remove all runners starting this month, allowing four or five inches square space for each plant. This is necessary for best fruit.

Hints for girls in Dressing.

From Harper's Round Table.

If you are sensible and clear-headed girls you will not wish for many frocks at once. A strong serviceable serge for every-day wear, a pretty cashmere or silk for best, a simple white frock for evening, two or three separate waists, and an extra skirt to relieve the serge, are sufficient for the winter wardrobe of a well dressed young girl. In summer one requires more changes, but print and muslin and gingham frocks are cheap, and, if neatly made, are always appropriate. Of under-clothing have as simple a supply as you can take care of. The dainty girl likes to be clothed in fresh and clean garments next the skin, and where her clothing is not seen. These garments may be of fine and nice material, but the school-girl and the young woman should avoid elaborate frills and puffs and tuc