Farm, Garden and Household.

WATER-PROOF BOOT-SOLES.—If hot tar is applied to boot-soles, it will make them waterproof. Let it be as hot as leather will bear without injury, applied with a swab, and drying in the fire. The operation may be repeated two or three times during the winter, if necessary, It makes the surface of the leather quite hard, so that it wears longer, as well as keeps the water out. It is a good plan to provide boots for winter during the summer, and prepare the soles by tarring, as they will then become, before they are wanted to wear, almost as firm as horn, and wear twice as long as those unprepared.

RINGBONE REMEDY.—About three years ago I found one of my mares (seven or eight years old) suffering from one, and after trying everything I could hear of and read of, I found, about twelve months afterwards, a remedy which I tried successfully. Take one-half pint spirits turpentine, one-half ounce blue stone, one-half ounce red precipitate. Shake well and use every morning; keep the hoof well greased. This will not only take off the hair, but cause a severe blister, which, after healing, if there still be signs of lameness, repeat the remedy. The mare has been performing all kinds of heavy farm work ever since, without the least prospect of its returning.

HOW TO WARM COLD FEET.—An excellent mode of warming cold feet by exercise, which is the true way of warming them, is by means of an ordinary iron dumb-bell, the balls of which are from four to six inches in diameter, or a cylinder of heavy wood some six inches in diameter and a foot and a half long, may be used. The bell or cylinder is placed upon a smooth floor and the patient, with slippers or shoes on, steps upon it and rolls it along backward and forward, balancing at first with a rod, or by taking hold of another person's hand or other support. A little practice will enable him to balance himself and move along easily, without assistance. All who are troubled with cold feet, and are strong enough, should try it.

WINDBREAKS. — Many of our most thoughtful agriculturists all through the country are calling attention to the planting of hedges and belts of trees to serve as windbreaks. The undiscriminating destruction of our forests has been an incalculable injury. Trees are a protection against droughts and against severe winds. By protection against the winds all our crops would be benefitted, and our homes made more pleasant. The effect of winds on our pear crops is one of the most obvious examples of the loss we suffer from them. Often a single windstorm will blow from the pear-tree a large number of their finest specimens, and the owner's hopes of pleasure and profit from his fruit are blasted. Not, unfrequently peach trees, exposed to the sweeping winds of spring, give no crop, while but a few rods distant, trees that are protected yield abundantly. The farmers cannot too soon turn their attention to the matter. It is of the deepest importance to them whatever branch of agriculture they may follow. By careful foresight, they can often preserve belts of trees on their farms, which will give some returns by an annual yield of wood and timber, which will add much to the beauty of the farms, and which will be invaluable as a protection against winds. We have often visited a farm of forty acres in Vineland, the owner of which has taken the wisest care in preserving a belt of the native growth of trees around every field wherever it was possible for him to do so. Each of his fields thus has a beautiful setting of green, and he already experiences a benefit in the shelter afforded.—*Vineland Journal.*

DOMESTIC RECEIPTS.—*Soda Cake in Sheets.*—Half cup of butter, two cups sugar, four cups flour, three eggs, one teaspoonful soda dissolved in a cup of milk, two teaspoonfuls cream tartar, mixed in the flour.

Birdsnest Pudding.—Pare and core (without splitting) as many tart apples as will cover the bottom of the pudding dish, fill the cavities with sugar and cream till you can run a straw through them. Have ready one quart of rich milk boiling hot; stir into this four well beaten eggs, one cracker (powdered fine), two-thirds of a teaspoonful of sugar, a teacupful of salt, and a teaspoonful of essence of lemon. Pour it over the apples, and bake till light. To be eaten with foam or other rich sauce.

The Farmer's Own Pudding.—Three pounds sifted corn-meal, three quarters of a pound finely minced beef suit, one pound dried currants (well washed and rubbed dry), one-half teaspoonful of soda (super-carbonate); incorporate the whole while dry; add one and one half pint of molasses, a sufficient quantity of boiling water, stirring hard all the time, until the mixture is the consistency of common mush; stand over night in a moderately warm place; next morning tie it in a wide-mouthed bag, leaving it full space to swell; boil incessantly four or five hours (plate placed in the bottom of the pot); serve with boiled or hard sauce, according to taste, the same as with plum pudding. By many, this pudding is considered even better heated in the oven next day. The above recipe makes a quantity sufficient for twenty people.

Felons.—The following simple recipe for the cure of felons we clip from a far-off exchange: "Many persons suffer extremly from felons on the finger. These afflictions are not only very painful, but not unfrequently occasion permanent crippling of the members affected. The following simple prescription is recommended as a cure for this distressing ailment: Take common salt, such as is used in salting down beef or pork, and mix with spirits of turpentine in equal parts, and as it gets dry put on more, and in twenty-four hours you are cured. The felon will be dead; it will do you no harm to try it."

CHEAP SILKS.—So many importers were "stuck" with large stocks of cheap silks, the articles are now a drug. The prices of these ranges in New York from one dollar to one dollar and a half per yard, and Japanese silks from seventy-five cents to one dollar and a half per yard, light French striped prints at forty-five cents per yard, English striped at twenty-five cents per yard, and very pretty new wide American striped prints at fifteen cents per yard. Fine black French cashmere for costumes can be purchased at two dollars per yard.

Summary of News.

When does a chair dislike you? When it can't bear you

A RESIDENT of Wisconsin committed suicide because he was afraid he might have hydrophobia some time or other.

ARIZONA advices are filled with Indian outrages. Col. Woolsey is preparing to lead a party 100 men against the Indians in Pima County.

IT COSTS about three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars a year to "run" one of our crack naval frigates. after the snug sum of two million dollars has been swallowed in her construction. Fully manned and officered she carries six hundred and fifty souls.

THE friends of temperance in Vermont and New-Hampshire complain that intoxicating liquors are constantly smuggled into those States from Canada. The liquor comes out in tin writing desks, attractive both inside and out, find a ready market.

IN THE United States Capitol there is an aggregate of 688 spittoons, of which 148 belong to the hall of the House of Representatives, and 43 to the Senate Chamber, while 497 are distributed through the committee rooms and along the corridors and galleries.

A SUIT brought to recover insurance on a propeller which exploded her boilers at Buffalo, in May, 1869, has been decided in the United States Court, at Detroit, in favor of the insurance company, the defence having shown that the boilers had been defective for over two years, and the plaintiff admitted the fact.

THE ship Southern Right of Richmond, Me., has arrived at Savannah, from Liverpool, with a portion of her crew suffering from the small-pox. Three died during the passage, and three were removed to the hospital on her arrival, where one has since died. The disease is described as being of unusal maliguity.

MR. Alvord has introduced into the New York State Legislature a bill preventing members of the Legislature from accepting the obligation of passes from railroad corporations by giving members and certain others officers a legal right to free transportation on railroads and in steamboats and other vehicles belonging to companies in the State.

A MOTHER in Massachusetts had a school-teacher arrested the other day for excessive punishment of her ten-year old boy. The poor little thing had been struck about the face, she said, with a ferule, leaving ugly bruises, and there was the lad with two black and blue scars reaching far down on each cheek. The Justice called the boy to him, and tenderly touched the scars to see if the face was sore, when lo! the marks came off wherever the fingers came in contact with them.

THE consumption of cocoa in the United States has largely increased since its great use in confectionery. Many of the most popular confections, ice creams, etc., are now made of this article. The imports at Boston vary from 3,000 to 12,000 bags annually—never so small as last year, 2,315 bags--nearly all from Surinam. The largest chocolate manufacturers are near Boston, but buy most of their supplies in New York. The Surinam cocoa is considered the best, but is received in very limited quantities, a few bags per annum only. In 1866, 13,000 bags of cocoa were received at the port.

THE MOST beautiful girl in the United States lives near Lincoln, Ill. Her hair is of that peculiar hue that a field of ripe wheat throws toward the setting sun. Her eyes send forth a light so effulgent and magnetic that strangers become spell-bound under its influence and stand rudely gazing. Her cheeks bear a bloom like the sunny side of an early peach. A pearl would seem almost black beside her teeth. Her form is so graceful that men worship her before seeing her face. Her hands suggested the idea of waxen fingers tipped with vermillion. Her smile seems to actually illuminate her presence, and when she laughs the listener fancies he hears sweet music in the distance.

MR. JOHNSON lately introduced in the Legislature of Mississippi a bill containing four provisions, as follows: "Firstly any person or persons found guilty of stealing horses, mules, or stock of any kind, should be hanged by the neck until dead, on the tenth day after convicted. Secondly, That any person or persons aiding or assisting to conceal stolen property of any kind, the penalty shall not be less than thirty-nine lashes, nor more than three hundred, on his or her back. Thirdly, That any person or persons found carring firearms on the Sabbath, hunting on the Sabbath, or using profane language on the Sabbath, the penalty shall not be less than $25 nor more than $500. Fourthly, That any person or persons found guilty of playing cards, billiards, or horse-racing on the Sabbath, the penalty shall not be less than $500 nor more than $1,000 and not less than three nor more than six months in the County Jail."

THE STRANGEST MYSTERY of the deplorable Hudson River Railroad affair yet remains to be told. Mr. Malloy, the Poughkeepsie Coroner, has in his possession a pair of shoes, evidently belonging to a girl of about fifteen years of age. These shoes contained a pair of feet, all that remains of the body of which they were once members, the rest having been consumed in the terrible conflagration that followed the collision. These shoes were picked up near the foot of a telegraph pole that stands on the embankment leading to the bridge from the north, and scarcely six feet from the end of the bridge. How they came there is a mystery equally impenetrable with that of their proper ownership. The only certain thing connected with them is that the feet they contain are all that remain of a body that has not yet been missed.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

SENATE.

In the Senate resolutions were adopted, directing the Committee on Commerce to consider the expediency of providing for the regulation of railroads so as to prevent loss of life.

Calling for the instructions to the commander of the Tennessee, and the names of other vessels in the waters of San Demingo.

The resolution of the Legislature of Indiana withdrawing their ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment was taken up, and was laid over.

An amendment fixing the salary of the Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court at $8,500, and that of the Associate Justices at $8,000, was adopted.

In the Senate the bill for the relief of certain naval contractors, which was lately ordered by the President, was again put on its passage, and rejected by a vote of 2 to 57.

A resolution was adopted directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the right of the Treasury Department to retain compensation for services rendered by the Pacific Railroad, and apply it to the interest on bonds issued to the road.

The Appropriation bill was then resumed, and the provisions relating to Judges' salaries finally agreed upon. They fix the salary of Chief-Justice at $8,500; Associate Judges, $8,000; Circuit Judges, $6,000; District Judges, $5,000.

In the Senate, the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill was taken up. Mr. Trumbull moved to repeal that proviso in the law proposed to be repealed by Mr. Sawyer, which makes a pardon conclusive evidence in the Court of Claims that the person who presents it is guilty of whatever offense is recited in the pardon, unless upon its reception he entered a written protest to the contrary. This, after a longer discussion, was carried by the casting vote of the Vice-President in its favor.

In the Senate, a resolution was offered recommending that the Joint High Commission provide for the cession of the British North American possession to this country. Its consideration went over under objection.

In the Senate the House bill to guard the purity of elections was favorably reported from the Judiciary Committee. The bill extending the time for filing bounty claims to Jan. 13, 1870, was reported without amendment. The Legislative appropriation bill was taken up, on the repeal of the provision making the possession of a pardon evidence of disloyalty in the Court of Claims. The repeal was carried by the casting vote of the Vice-President. The amendments increasing judicial salaries and consolidating the public grounds at Washington, were concurred in and an agreement was made to take the final vote on the bill.

HOUSE.

In the House, the bill to enforce the provisions of the Fifteenth Amendment and to secure the right of citizens to vote was taken up at the opening of the session. The provision for calling on the military at elections was stricken out, and the bill then passed by nearly a party vote.

In the House the report of the Committee on the difficulties at West Point was then taken up and discussed further. Some of the speakers commented severely on the Academy at West Point and its managing officers. The report was adopted, together with the additional resolution directing an investigation into the conduct of the officers of the institution. Mr. Butler's substitute, punishing the First Class only by a loss of their Summer furlough, was rejected by a vote of 97 to 111.

The bill for the security of life on steam-boats was passed as a substitute for the Senate bill on the same subject. It establishes regulations providing against loss or danger from fire, leaking, explosion and other accidents.

In the House, the report of the Conference Committee on the bill creating a Territorial Government for the District of Columbia was agreed to, and the bill now goes to the President.

In the House, the report of the Committee of Conference on the Consular Appropriation bill was agreed to.

The Army Appropriation bill was then considered.

The amendment to perfect the title of the national cemeteries was rejected after some debate. The bill was subsequently passed.

In the House, bills were introduced to punish the printing or depositing in the mails of counterfeit bank notes or fractional currency, to encourage and aid the establishment of free schools throughout the country, and requesting the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to enforce the collection of the tax on the scrip dividends of the New York Central Railroad Company, leaving the liability to be determined by the proper authorities.

The bill authorizing a joint commission to fix the North-west boundary, passed by a vote of 122 to 72.

The Sundry Civil Service Appropriation bill was reported. It appropriates $30,000,000.

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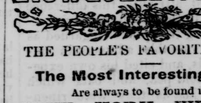
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