... give two
...e eighteen pince. A
... for giving eighteen pince."

How much the passenger gave is not known, but surely he was not inclined to be classed with stay-at-home tailors, not accustomed to "sport."

The World's Telegraph Lines.

The actual length of the telegraph lines of the world is 7,900,600 kilometers—not including nearly 300,000 kilometers of submarine cable. This total is divided as follows: America, 4,050,000 kilometers; Europe, 2,840,000; Asia, 300; Australia, 350,000; Africa, 160.

The entire length of all these joined together would permit of establishment of twenty lines of graph between the earth and the n.

The Local Flavor.

...merican, who had left his na...ountry to travel in Europe, with ...naxim, "When in Rome do as the ...ans do," well in mind, found him...in Marseilles. He wanted some cream and went into a restaurant I ordered it.

What flavor will you have?" asked e waiter.

The American hesitated a moment, then remembered his maxim.

...garlic, I suppose," he answered.

Leprosy in France.

...international congress of lep... has just been brought to a ... Berlin, the startling fact wa... elicited that the disease is very ...revalent in France, especially in the ...orthern districts thereof, and that it is the increase. This discovery and ...ata furnished by the French medi...uthorities contributed in no small ...re to the resolution voted by the ...s to the effect that leprosy is ...his.

...earing Won't Help It.

...ay make a fire burn, or it may ...hand hustle, but it won't help ...sworn. If you use Tetterine, it ...comfortable and save swear ...drug stores, or by mail for 50 ...m J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, ...

...ary, compiled by Pa... S. C., is the most ancient ...literary history.

...Klondyke for Me!

...ays E. Walters, Le Raysville, Pa., ...w (sworn to) 252 bushels Salzer's ...acre. That means 25,200 bushels ...at 20c a bushel equals $7,560. ...ther than a prospective gold ...alzer pays $400 in gold for best ...his 17-inch corn and oats prodigy. ...win. Seed potatoes $1.50 a Bbl. ...THIS NOTICE AND 10 CTS. IN STAMPS ...J. A. Salzer Seed Co., LaCrosse, Wis., ...et free their seed catalogue, and 11 ...seed samples, including above corn ...ats, surely worth $10, to get a start. ...C. G.

...e of lemon, ...nd rub the feet

STATE OF OHIO, ... TOLEDO, } ss.
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FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the s...nior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.
FRANK J. CHENEY.
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.
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Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The business man who is going to advertise next week is a twin brother of the fellow who is always just missing a fortune by the skin of his teeth.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

When a girl comes home from school, and is as nice and modest as a girl who has not been away to school, it is a sign that she has extra good sense.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle.

The Sultan of Turkey spends more for his table than any other human being of moderate or ancient times—$2,000 daily.

Chew Star Tobacco—The Best.
Smoke Sledge Cigarettes.

Queen Victoria rules more people than ever before acknowledged the sovereignty of King, Queen or Empress.

Fits permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. $2 trial bottle and treatise free DR. R. H. KLINE, LTD., 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

The largest brain on record was that of Oliver Cromwell—it weighed a little over sixty ounces.

After physicians had given me up, I was saved by Piso's Cure.—RALPH EHLIG, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 22, 1895.

Lemon juice sweetened with loaf or ...shed sugar will relieve a cough.

Weak Stomach

Indigestion Causes Spasms—Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures.

"I have always been troubled with a weak stomach and had spasms caused by indigestion. I have taken several bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and have not been bothered with spasms, and I advise anyone troubled with dyspepsia to take Hood's Sarsaparilla." MRS. HORTON, Prattsburg, New York. Remember

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Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier

Hood's Pills cure nausea, indigestion. 25c.



FOR 14 CENTS

We wish to gain 100,000 new customers, and hence offer
1 Pkg. 13 Day Radish, 10c
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1 " Earliest Red Beet, 10c
1 " Bismarck Cucumber, 10c
1 " Queen Victoria Lettuce, 10c
1 " Klondyke Melon, 10c
Jumbo Giant Onion, 10c
Brilliant Flower Seeds, 10c
10, for 14 cents.
...th $1.00, we will ... with our ...talogue ...nd 10c. ...and ...

WOMAN'S WORLD

Bridal Calls.

The rules that apply to ordinary calling are equally in force for bridal calls. On these occasions the bride should follow them as any other married lady would do. It is quite an obsolete idea to suppose that a bride must remain at home day after day to receive those who may happen to call. If the "at home" is strictly observed there will be no need for this sacrifice.

Active Western Woman.

Miss Estelle Reel has been very successful as superintendent of instruction in Wyoming. All the assistants in her office are women. Just now she is trying to get a longer tenure of office for teachers. As State Superintendent of Schools she has charge of leasing and selling the State school lands. Under her administration the income of the State from this source has increased from $100 to $1,000 a week.

At Least Two Waists Needed.

Dressmakers and tailors have agreed that no costume is complete unless its skirt is accompanied by two or more waists. For example, every one of the best tailor dresses is made with a tight-fitting basque and shirt waists, that the wearer may alternate between the close and the easy body as she pleases, while the evening dresses are made with as many as three waists. One decollete, one high in throat and sleeves for receptions and small dinners and one loose, lovely shirt, simple or ornate as desired.

Sleeveless Blouses For the Slender.

Loose satin blouses without sleeves or yokes are becoming to the woman sufficiently slender to trifle with the whimsies of fashion. They are made like the children's gamp waist, a band of jetted satin or velvet passing over the shoulder, and a ceinture of satin, jewels or velvet drawing in a part of the fulness at the waist. The yokes and sleeves worn with these blouses at the waist. The yokes and sleeves worn with these blouses are usually of a different color and of lighter material. Tucked mousseline or chiffon, beaded tulle, net, lace or silk are used. The combinations of tints possible with this style of bodice are as beautiful as they are bewildering.

An evening frock for reception, theatre or dinner has a cansouk bodice —sleeveless blouse—of pale blue velvet the front is embroidered with a delicate design executed in pearls. The narrow velvet bands, which hold the cansouk on the shoulders, are sewn with pearls, and pearl loops hang from them and rest on the rucked sleeves of soft white brocade glowing with pale pink roses. The high standing collar is of white satin sewn with pearls, and has a tiny round yoke of white satin outlined with the same white jewels. The larger yoke is of softly rucked brocade.

A blouse of black satin is edged all around the top with a design in finest cut jet. The yoke and sleeves are of finely plaited black tulle overlaid with medallions of point lace outlined with gold thread. The effect is extremely elegant.

Cloth gowns with braided cansouks and yokes and sleeves of corded silk, mousseline, crepe or velvet are very pretty, and the style is one of the most becoming of the season.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Royal Girls' Hobbies.

As a girl of seven Queen Victoria was devoted to horticulture, and Lord Albemarle was fond of telling how impartially she divided the contents of her watering-pot between her flowers and her own little feet. She was especially fond of her donkey, too, and divided her attention between it and her natural history museum, which was crammed with specimens mostly collected by her own hand.

Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenberg) early made a hobby of wood carving, in which work she evinced great original talent, and it is not generally known that the Princess of Wales mastered the art with very considerable success. This popular lady is also greatly interested in the subject of lacemaking and lace. She has a collection of specimens worth a king's ransom. She keeps them in a scrapbook with ivory corners, pasting them in herself, with accompanying notes. She cares little for jewels and uses instead lovely lace for adornment.

It is well known that in her youth the Queen of Italy contracted quite a mania for collecting the gloves and shoes of sovereigns past and present. At the present day she has quite a valuable collection, among her treasures being the shoes of Marie Antoinette, Mary Stuart, the Empress Josepline, Queen Anne and the Empress Catherine of Russia.

The Princess May (Duchess of York) as a girl was especially fond of sketching, and, in addition, made herself quite a specialist in precious stones.

Queen Christina, of Spain, as a girl chose the study of scientific matters as a hobby; she was particularly interested in aeronautics, and is probably the only Queen who has been up in a balloon.

The Czarina, when still the Princess Alix, made crazy patchwork her favorite hobby, and very handsome work was turned out by her deft fingers.

At the present moment the children of Princess Waldemar, of Denmark, are trying various hobbies, though perhaps they are most likely to adopt photography, which has also been greatly in favor at the British court.

Another follower of this pastime, Crown Princess of Sweden, has been a most skillful photographer since she was quite a child.

Fashion Notes.

Belts of all kinds and conditions are worn, but one of the prettiest fancies is the belt of finely tucked black satin or colored velvet.

It is announced that ginghams are to occupy an important position in the line of spring cotton goods. Small plaids will be a favorite design.

Mode color promises to be again popular. Six new and especially pretty shades have recently appeared in Paris and were at once sought for because of the beauty and softness of their dyeing.

In silks moires will be in great demand for the coming season. Lightweight silks will be much worn and the range of color and variety of design make it easy for one to select a charming gown.

With the skirts of black silk more blouse jackets than any other wraps are seen, and velvet in black, Siberian green and dark blue, with smooth-faced cloth in gray, dark green and Bordeaux red make the favorite materials.

Velvet in all colors is immensely popular this winter, and is used in every conceivable way and in all sorts of garments. Young and old wear it with equal propriety, and the evening gown of velvet, which has heretofore been relegated to the wardrobe of the matronly woman, finds special favor with young women.

A MARVEL IN SURGERY.

REMOVAL OF THE HUMAN STOMACH WITHOUT FATAL RESULTS.

The Patient Doing Her Daily Work Three Months After the Operation Was Performed—Account of the Case—Doctors Say the Stomach is Not a Vital Organ.

What's the use of a stomach? This question may well be asked after reading the account of an operation by Dr. Carl Schlatter, of the University of Zurich, Switzerland. He found that one of his patients had a diseased stomach, so he cut it out, pulled up the small intestine until it met the œsophagus, and sewed them together. This was done three months ago, and now, according to an account in the Medical Record, of this city, the patient, a woman by the name of Anna Landis, fifty-six years old, is up and around doing her daily work! If any one doubts this story, there is the account of the case written by Dr. Schlatter himself, with enough long medical terms to convince the most skeptical. The trouble was a tumor. The entire stomach was a hard mass, "extending from the cardiac to the pyloric extremity." There was also "a marked bulging between the left hypochondrial region and the umbilicus." Under the circumstances, gastroenterostomy was impossible, as any one might know! The only thing to do was to excise the entire stomach. It was a clear case of excise duty, so to speak. So the doctor shut off the general cavity of the peritoneum, in which the stomach sloshes around, by means of sterilized compresses; then the omentum was incised between Pean's forceps; then the esophagus was secured with a clamp; then the stomach was cut from the aforesaid esophagus; then the duodenum was "mobilized toward the head of the pancreas," and secured by a duodenal compressor and a clamp; then the stomach was cut from the duodenum and removed. What then? A new stomach? Not at all. We are outgrowing the need of stomachs. The stomach must go. The stern war declared upon the vermiform appendix must be extended to the stomach. Where the appendix has slain one, the stomach has slain hundreds. We are going to get even with it at last for all the ills it has caused it. Let the dyspeptics smile once again as they read. Doctor Schlatter's next course was to join the œsophagus and the bowels and sew them together, first taking care to "invaginate the duodenal rim," and then the operation seems to have ended. It had lasted two hours and a half, with very little loss of blood, and no very marked change in the pulse. The conclusions which the Medical Record correspondent, Dr. Wendt, thinks may be drawn from the case are as follows:

"The human stomach is not a vital organ.

"The digestive capacity of the human stomach has been considerably overrated.

"The fluids and solids constituting an ordinary mixed diet are capable of complete digestion and assimilation without the aid of the human stomach.

"A gain in the weight of the body may take place in spite of the total absence of gastric activity.

"Typical vomiting may occur without a stomach.

"The general health of a person need not immediately deteriorate on account of removal of the stomach.

"The most important office of the human stomach is to act as a reservoir for the reception, preliminary preparation, and propulsion of food and fluids. It also fulfills a useful purpose in regulating the temperature of swallowed solids and fluids.

"The chemical functions of the human stomach may be completely and satisfactorily performed by the other divisions of the alimentary canal."

In other words, the stomach has been pretending to an importance it did not possess, and has just now been found out.—The Voice.

A Famous Fiddle.

In connection with the death the other day of Mr. Laurie, the Glasgow violin expert, reference was made to his having had through his hands the famous Stradivarius violin, which has come to be known, somewhat irreverently, if not absurdly, as "The Messiah." The instrument is now in the possession of Mr. B. Crawford, of Newpark, Trinity, Edinburgh, who a few years ago paid no less than $10,000 for it. As recently as 1872, Charles Reade (who knew as much about fiddles as about the trade of letters) had valued the instrument at $3000, putting the worth of the varnish alone at $2825! Villaume, the high priest of fiddlemaking in Paris, had it at this time. He kept it till his death in 1875. From Villaume the treasure descended to M. Alard, the great French violinist, who gave $5000 for it. He died in 1888, and two years later Mr. Crawford risked his $10,000 on it.

There is some reason for the high figure. The instrument is the only one that has come down from Stradivarius's own hands in a state of perfect preservation. It has been very little played upon, and its glowing, ruddy varnish is as fresh as if it had been put on only a week ago. Mr. Crawford has a second "Strad," and also a very fine Guarnerius. Moreover, he has a picture gallery containing paintings worth about $500,000, including two by Meissonier. Others may equal him in all these, but they can never equal his $10,000 fiddle. It is but a question of a few years, and the instrument—if it is ever sold—will fetch a considerably higher price. —Scots Pictorial.

Time to Stop.

Among the best stories recorded by a well-known angler is one about a Scottish laird, who was one day relating to his friends at the dinner table the story of a fine fish he had caught. "Donald," said he to the servant behind his chair—an old man, but a new servant—"how heavy was the fish I took yesterday?" Donald neither spoke nor moved. The laird repeated the question. "Weel," replied Donald, "it was twal' pund at breakfast; it had gotten to echteen at dinner time and it was sax-and-twenty wh— ye sat down to supper wi' the captain." Then, after a pause, he added: "I've been tellin' lees a' my life to please the shooters, but I'll be dashed if I'm going to tell lees noo, in my old age, to please the fushers!"

The World's Wire Mileage.

The total miles of telegraph wire in the world have reached 4,908,921, not counting 180,440 miles of submarine cable. Were this all in one continuous line it would wrap around the equator about 198 times. The moon and earth could be connected by twenty lines, with enough to spare to connect every country on the earth. Of the total amount Europe has 1,764,790; Asia, 310,685; Africa, 99,419; Australia, 217,470, and America, 2,516,548.

Paris' Biggest Woman.

A woman in Paris is said to be the largest specimen of her sex in the world. Being unable to enter the door of a railway carriage she takes her train journeys in the luggage van.

...OF FUN.

He wr... ...oem at seven;
At ... ...l a book—
No... ...adom—
A volume... ...the Cook."
—Philadelphia North A... ...erican.

A Juvenile Logician—"... ...s is there any pie left in the pantry?" "... ...here is one piece, but you can't have it." "You are mistaken, ma, I've had it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"We've got to economize," said Mr. Gargoyle to his wife. "Very well, dear," replied the good woman, cheerfully. "You shave yourself and I'll cut your hair."—Harlem Life.

She—Did you see that bird of paradise on Mrs. Styles' hat at the theater last night? He—That wasn't what the fellow who sat behind her called it.—Yonkers Statesman.

Mrs. Passay—Everybody says my daughter got her beauty from me. What do you say to that? Mr. Witts—Well, I think it was very unkind of her to take it from you.—Up to Date.

"One 'er de troubles 'bout dishere life," said Uncle Eben, "is dat by de time a man hab a realizin' sense dat he orter learn sumpin', he feels like he's too old ter staht in."—Washington Star.

Mr. Figg—"Happy is the country that has no history"—do you understand that, Tommy? Tommy—I guess it means the kids are happy, 'cause they don't have to study it.—Indianapolis Journal.

Bostonian—Is this friend that you wish to bring to dinner much of a raconteur? Chicago Man—Blamed if I know; but, say, you'll die laughin' it we get him to tellin' stories.—Cleveland Leader.

Willis—Parker's salary was doubled a short time ago, so I hear. Wallace—Yes, it was; but it got him in lots of trouble. Willis—How's that? Wallace—His wife found it out.—Town Topics.

Hungry Higgins—What do you think o' this here foot-ball, anyway? Weary Watkins—There is something in it called a rush line, ain't they? "Yaas." "Well, (that ain't my line."—Indianapolis Journal.

Deacon Hamby—We're going to have a reformed prizefighter talk at the temperance meeting Thursday night. The Deacon's Son—How is it possible that he can be reformed if he still talks?—Chicago News.

"I get tired writing jokes lay after day," said the amateur humorist. "Don't you care," replied his friend consolingly. "Think how tired the people are who read them."—Philadelphia North American.

"I asked the young woman in front of me to remove her big hat, so I could see the stage." "Did she do it?" "No; she said if she held her hat in her lap she couldn't see the stage herself."—Chicago Record.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "dar wouldn't be so much objection to a man habbin' his own opinion of he didn't persist in goin' aroun' an' tryin' ter gib ebberybody else a clear title to it."—Washington Star.

"Great men," remarked the thoughtful youth, "are frequently misunderstood by the public." "That," replied Senator Sorghum, gravely, "is very true. And mighty lucky it is for some of them."—Washington Star.

Jay Green (sourly)—If them people don't do different about it, blamed if I'll go to the party to-morrow night. Josh Medders—What do you want 'em to do in order to get you to go? Jay Green—Invite me.—Boston Traveler.

"You mean to tell me that you don't think foot-ball ought to be suppressed? Just look how many get maimed and killed in the game." "It doesn't maim and kill anybody except foot-ball players."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"I won't submit to being turned away," said the disappointed arrival at the hotel. "See here—I'm flush!" And he displayed a roll of bills. "I know," responded the clerk; "but I've got a full house."—Philadelphia North American.

Old Gentleman (dictating indignant letter)—"Sir: My stenographer, being a lady, cannot take down what I think of you. I, being a gentleman, cannot think it; but you, being neither, can easily guess my thoughts."—Brooklyn Life.

Different Point of View.—"Well, what's the use of arguing?" said the hitless individual; "talk is cheap." "My dear sir," said the taxpayer, "did you never take into consideration the actual cost of a session of Congress?"—Chicago News.

Show us a man who has malaria, and we will show you a man who eats too much.

From ...

A resident ... children durin... lent deaths has ... the shock, and se... it. One child (age... alone in '90 while at s... years later was run ov... R. train. That grief... so prey on the min... physical disorders h... strated in this case. ... her health was shattered ... a constant sufferer since ... pal trouble has been neur... ache which was very painfu... all the symptoms of ordi... nervousness and indigesti... did her no good whatever. ... couraged and abandoned all hope ... ting well. Finally, however, a ce... known pill was recommended (Dr. W... iams' Pink Pills for Pale People).

She supplied herself with a quantity ... them and had not taken them two week... when she noticed a marked improvement



A Constant Sufferer.

... in her condition. She continued taking the pills until seven or eight boxes had been consumed and she considered herself entirely cured. She can now eat all kinds of food, which is something she has not been able to do for years. She is not troubled in the least with nervousness as she was during the time of her stomach troubles.

She is now well and all because of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People a complete cure has been made.

If any one would like to hear more of the details of her suffering and relief gained by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People they may be obtained probably, by writing the lady direct. She is one of our well known residents, Mrs. Ellen A. Olderkirk, Paw Paw, Ill.

To Fasten Keys.

A Massachusetts man has invented key fastener, which consists of a ... shaped piece of metal which slips over the knob spindle and carries a plate at either end, with a screw to draw them together and clamp the key so it can not be turned from the outside.

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RYE—No. 2.....	54		54½
HAY—Choice Timothy..	12 50		13 00
Good to Prime.....	12 00		12 50
STRAW—Rye in car lds..	8 50		9 00
Wheat Blocks.....	5 50		6 00
Oat Blocks.....	6 00		7 00

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No. 2.....			70
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Seconds.....			70
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HOGS PRODUCTS—shls.	$	6½ @	6¾
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BUTTER—Fine Crmy....	$	21 @	22
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CHEESE—N. Y. Fancy..	$	9¾ @	10
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EGGS—State.....	$	17 @	17½
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TOBACCO—Md. Infer's..	$	1 50 @	2 50
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BUTTER—State.....		13	18
EGGS—State.....		20	22
CHEESE—State.....		9	9¼

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KIND OF PEOPLE NEEDED.

Dr. Talmage Describes the Style of Christian Character Required To-day.

TEXT: "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"—Esther iv., 14.

Esther the beautiful was the wife of Ahasuerus the abominable. The time had come for her to present a petition to her infamous husband in behalf of the Jewish nation, to which she had once belonged. She was afraid to undertake the work, lest she should lose her own life; but her cousin, Mordecai, who had brought her up, encouraged her with the suggestion that probably she had been raised up of God for that peculiar mission. "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Esther had her God-appointed work. You and I have ours. It is my business to tell you what style of men and women you ought to be in order that you meet the demand of the age in which God has cast your lot. So this discourse will not deal with the technicalities, but only with the practicabilities. What we want is practical, earnest, concentrated, enthusiastic and triumphant help.

In the first place, in order to meet the special demand of this age, you need to be an unmistakable, aggressive Christian. Of half-and-half Christians we do not want any more. The Church of Jesus Christ will be better without them. They are the chief obstacle to the church's advancement. I am speaking of another kind of Christian. All the appliances for your becoming an earnest Christian are at your hand, and there is a straight path for you into the broad day light of God's forgiveness. You may this moment be the bondsmen of the world, and the next moment you may be princes of the Lord God Almighty.

But you need to be aggressive Christians, and not like those persons who spend their lives in hugging their Christian graces and wondering why they do not make progress. How much robustness of health would a man have if he hid himself in a dark closet? A great deal of the piety of to-day is too exclusive. It hides itself. It needs more fresh air, more outdoor exercise. There are many Christians who are giving their entire life to self-examination.

This style of self-examination is a damage instead of an advantage to their Christian character. I remember when I was a boy I used to have a small piece in the ...rden that I called my own, and I planted ... here, and every few days I would ... up to see how fast it was growing. ... are a great many Christian peo... whose self-examination mere... the pulling up of that which ...rday or the day before ...elopin, if you want to ... character, plant ... the great field of ... though storms ... the hot sun ... it, it will ...ree, in ... their ... these ... hem... bris... circle, ... great ... able rem... and used for the ... young trees against the ...epredations of rabbits, mice and other animals, there is nothing better and more reliable than smallmeshed wire netting wound around the tree and tied together with a wire. It is inexpensive, durable, does not keep out light and air, and is in every way preferable to tarred paper, tin and any of the close coverings recommended.—American Agriculturist.

Evergreens in Winter.

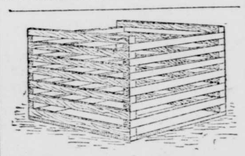
In the planting of lawns and pleasure grounds in general there is rarely much thought given to their appearance in winter, and yet to those who live in the country the year round this is a matter of no small consideration. The proper disposition of a few handsome evergreen trees will often effect a complete and pleasing change in the character of one's grounds, and give brightness and cheer to otherwise bare and dreary surroundings. Winter is the proper time to note the places where such trees would be most effective, and to mark the spots with a stake as a guide where to plant next spring.—New England Homestead.

The Meadows.

Hay was not a profitable crop to many farmers last year, and this fact was due in part to carelessness and too large acreage. Weedy meadows were allowed to stand everywhere. The owner of a small farm, holding each field to account, was master of the situation. Where the grass was fairly promising, excepting on account of white-top and other like weeds, the fields were cleaned of filth with hoe or scythe before the growth of grass was hurt. Where the meadow was not worth the labor of cleaning the growth of grass and weeds was turned under for manure, and the field was put into shape for profitable crops in the future. There was income from a clean meadow, or a field was being improved so that income would be gotten as soon as possible. The foul meadow, hardly worth the labor of cutting, did not, or should not, exist as a source of loss. Could this course have been pursued generally, fewer tons would have been better, and, best of all, a vast acreage of land would have been put into better shape for the future, instead of remaining covered with a mass of weed-seeds.

An Easily Made Crate.

Where one has access to a mill, and can procure an abundance of inch-square edging, he can make a dozen or more crates very easily, after the manner shown in the sketch. A few wire



HANDY FARM CRATE.

nails secure the corners. Let these be two and a half inches long. The bottom may be of board or of slats, as preferred. A board cover can also be fitted to the top, if needed. Such a contrivance makes an exceedingly strong and convenient crate, well adapted for gathering the potato and apple crops. It is much better to pick the potatoes or apples into such a receptacle and load a wagon with some dozens of them, than to gather the crop and turn it loose into the wagon box, from which the fruit or tubers must be picked out or shoveled out again. Crates thus save much handling and consequent bruising.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Cutting Up a Hog.

This is to be done skillfully to make the best uses of the meat, depending on the way it is to be used. First, the carcass is halved by splitting the backbone. If bacon is to be made, the side is sawed down so as to cut through the rib bones, leaving a long strip from each side, which may afterward be cut into pieces as may be desirable. So says the Montreal Herald. The shoulders and hams are cut out and trimmed, and the rib pieces are reserved for roasts or to be salted for boiling. The head and feet are well worth serving, being cleaned and boiled and chopped into small pieces, thence once more brought to a boiling heat and then poured out into moulds to set into a solid jelly, when it becomes what is commonly known as brawn, one of the most agreeable kinds of food to be eaten cold. If some chickens are cut up and cooked with the meat, it is much improved. The thin meat, shoulders and hams are much improved by smoking. The meat keeps better during the summer and a moderate smoking with corn cobs or hickory bark with the small twigs add much to the flavor of it.

For smoking the salting should be light, and is best done by the simple rubbing of the meat. The meat, being cut into convenient pieces, is laid upon a bench with the skin down and a mixture of seven pounds of fine salt, four ounces of saltpetre and two pounds of sugar, of the quality known as coffee sugar, is well mixed. Sometimes spice of various kinds is added, and on the whole is desirable. To the quantity of salt and sugar mentioned one ounce each of ground ginger, allspice and cinnamon may be added. These quantities are for 100 pounds of meat. The mixture is rubbed on the meat on the flesh side, not all at once, but at intervals of a week, the meat being left to drain during the intervals. To prevent drying of the meat the pieces are piled one upon the other and a weighted piece of board is laid on the top. Three weeks of this curing is sufficient when the meat is hung in a smokehouse for final curing by the smoke.

The most important part of this process is the coolness of the smoke and the absence of fire heat on the meat. The smokehouse should be tight, and to keep out flies it should be lined with fine wire gauze. The fire is best made outside of the house in a pit, having a stovepipe laid so as to carry the smoke into the house through the floor. The smoke is thus cooled and gives a much more pleasant flavor to the meat. Half an hour's smoking twice a week for four weeks will be sufficient, and this is better than to smoke the meat every day. If the smokehouse is made impregnable to the meat flies and beetles, it will be the best place for keeping the meat until the warm weather is about to arrive in the spring. Then the meat should be wrapped in paper, or tied in the common paper bags and hung in a dry place, or if perfectly dry it may be packed in boxes or barrels in ... If it is stored in a cool, ... in excellent ...ng until the ...ide.

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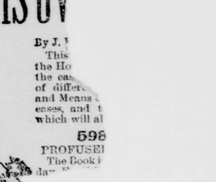
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