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BOTANY FOR YOUNG FOLKS

AN INTERESTING STUDY FOR THE LOVERS OF NATURE.

Seeking Information Concerning Plant Life a Fascinating and Intellectually Profitable Occupation—A Knowledge which Excites Delight and Admiration.

Many are under the impression that to study botany means simply to learn Latin names, and that the knowledge of these names is its only end and aim. If this were the truth botany would indeed be a dry study, though there would still be some benefit in being able to speak of plants exactly instead of inexactly, and to speak of any possible plant instead of a restricted number.

But to learn Latin names is only the first step in learning to know the plants they represent—a needful step if one's knowledge is ever to amount to much but in no sense an end or aim. When a simple handbook can be used so that the name of a plant can be found in it (the common name always appearing with the scientific), then all other facts about the plant can be read at a single glance; and unless this can be done most of these facts will never be gathered. Knowing the name, we find the manner of the growth of the plant, the region where it is common or rare, the character of the spots where it may be most hopefully looked for, its seasons for blooming and fruiting, and its relationship to other species, with the facts upon which this relationship is founded, as well as those which make its individuality clear. Is not all this worth knowing, even at the cost of dealing for the moment with some of the ugliest among Latin names. If a child finds a rosy Arethusa with twin blossoms, will not his pleasure in it and his desire to search the woods and fields for other flowers both be stimulated by the knowedge that his treasure is a very rare one? Or if he discovers that the pretty little bunch berry, which carpets some woody spot is first cousin to the big flowering dogwood, and discovers too the reason why, will not his interest in it be increased? Let him learn why an orchid is an orchid, why the tiny ladies' tresses deserve the name as much as the gorgeous cattleeye or oncidium of the greenhouse, and he has gained something which surely cannot decrease his enjoyment of the beauty of either.

But to do this, it may be objected, beautiful flowers must be pulled to pieces, and this will "deaden the sense of beauty." By no means. The truth is quite the other way. No one who has not once pulled a flower to pieces can realize, in the great majority of cases, how beautiful it is. All its beauty is not in its larger features or on the outside of its cup. In the interior, in the hidden recesses where the great work of reproduction goes on in a myriad different ways, each more marvellous and admirable than the other—here resides a great part of the beauty of all flowers and the greater part of the beauty of not a few.

Even if it led to nothing but a knowledge of nature's delight in making the tiniest features of her productions lovely to our eyes, the close examination of floral structures would be well worth many hours of a busy man's time. Once this has been learned, we do not need always to see it. Seeing the flower as a whole, we not only know its name, habits and relationships, but remember its structure. The exterior suggests the interior, and a knowledge of the interior explains the lovely individuality of the envelope. Even the slightest smattering of botanical knowledge will greatly increase instead of lessening the enjoyment of any one who by nature has any love for flowers.

To learn enough to widen one's interest in nature's products is not a very difficult task. Indeed, there is no other science in which a beginning is so easily made or gives so large a return in pleasure. Materials for study are everywhere at hand; no traveling is needed, no great exertion and no outlay of money. The needful tools are as easily procured. A single handbook will give all requisite preliminary instruction, full descriptions of all plants within a very wide area, a glossary of terms to help out the weakest memory, a dictionary of common names. With a knife, a long pin and a common magnifying glass the student has all he wants; and plants, even when withered and dissected, make a litter to which no mother would object as she might to the materials of the boy who has a passion for flying and creeping things.

A few weeks of work, with living plants to illustrate the printed text, will seem more like play than work, and will enable any young person to identify all the plants in the neighborhood of his home. Of all the sciences this is the one whose study should meet with every encouragement as a happy and useful employment for our young folks' summer hours.

In 1172 the temperature was so high that leaves came out on the trees in January, and birds hatched their broods in February.

In 1289 the winter was also very mild, and maidens of Cologne wore wreaths of violets and cornflowers at Christmas and Twelfth Day.

In 1421 the trees flowered in the month of March, and the vines in the month of April. Cherries ripened in the same month and grapes appeared in May.

In 1572 the trees were covered with leaves in January, and birds hatched their young in February, as in 1172; and in 1585 the same thing was repeated, and it is added that the corn was in the ear at Easter.

There was in France neither snow nor frost throughout the winters of 1538, 1607, 1609, 1617, and 1659; finally, in 1662, even in the north of Germany, the streets were not lighted, and trees flowered in February.

Coming to later dates the winter of 1846—7, when it thundered at Paris on the 28th of January, and that of 1860, the year of the great inundation of the Seine, were very mild.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific RAILWAY.

THE popularity of the "GREAT ROCK ISLAND ROUTE" as a Colorado line has compelled the management to increase its present splendid service by the addition of a train that is

ONLY ONE NIGHT OUT,

Chicago to Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo. It is known as the "Rocky Mountain Limited," and leaves Chicago daily at 10.45 a. m., arriving at Denver in the afternoon of the next day, earlier than any of its competitors. It is

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The popularity of the "*Rock Island*"

DINING CAR SERVICE

is another guarantee that this train will secure patronage, and all passengers *en route* have this luxury through to destination over the "*Great Rock Island.*" No money is spared to make its service what our patrons always say—"the best."

The traveling public are advised that our "Big 5" will continue to run as usual, leaving Chicago at 10 p. m. daily, and arrive at Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo the second morning, being but one day out; and our No. 11 will leave at 6 p. m. daily, and *via* Kansas City will reach Denver at same hour as the "Big 5."

Tourists should remember that this is the direct line to Manitou and other important summer resorts, and by taking the

"GREAT ROCK ISLAND"

time is saved and through sleeping cars secured.

The Colorado service of the "*Rock Island*" is now made perfect by this new Limited Train and the "Big 5," and gives to travelers two flyers daily each way.

JOHN SEBASTIAN,
General Ticket and Passenger Agent,
E. ST. JOHN, Chicago, Ill.
General Manager,
Chicago, Ill. [April 8—10t

FOR SALE.

Four Desirable Building Lots

55 BY 165 feet, fronting on Washington street, and—

TWO LOTS,

same size, improved by a frame DWELLING HOUSE, situated on McCulloh street. Apply to CLAYTON PURNELL,
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John C. Dennison,

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

ALL business entrusted to his care will be promptly attended to.

Pension Claims a Specialty.

Office on South Water street, opposite the English Lutheran Church. [March 25

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FREE!

SEND for one of our Illustrated Sporting Goods Catalogues. *FREE!* Base Ball, Foot Ball, Tennis Hammocks, Games, Croquet, Indian Clubs, Dumb Bells, Sweaters, Boxing Gloves, Books, Stationery and Newspapers. JNO. A. FULTON & CO.,
Bookstore opposite postoffice.
April 15 Cumberland, Md.

Bicycles and Watches given to Boys and Girls. Write for particulars.
AMERICAN TEA CO.
338 to 346 5th Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
May 27—1y

PERSONS

MONUMENTS, HEADSTONES,

WANTING

Memorial Work

BEFORE

DECORATION DAY,

SHOULD place their orders AT ONCE with

J. B. WILLIAMS.

Feb 4

—THE—

CUMBERLAND

Brewing Company,

BREWERS and BOTTLERS
—OF THE FAMOUS—
Reingold, Erlanger,
—AND—
Export Bottle

BEER

CUMBERLAND, MD.
March 4

WELL CONDUCTED.

A Union Managed by Women Which Is a Model of Its Kind.

Unions of all sorts have a great hold upon the German people. Bakers, carpenters, tailors have their *vereins*, existing for both social and business ends. Such unions among women are, of course, more rare, since the majority are still exceedingly domestic and interested in but a few things outside their home. We do find, however, various housekeepers' clubs in existence. The Vienna Housekeepers' Union is a model of its kind. From the time I became a member of this admirable institution, said a lady who spent some time in Germany, I bought from the cooperative store of the club nearly all food and house-furnishing goods, used its list of reliable firms in all its branches of business, and its recommendations for seamstresses and other hand workers. There were no profitless mornings spent in shopping. My written orders came filled with the utmost care and were delivered by an intelligent man who could answer questions about goods not on the price list. During the year of my membership I made a careful study of the workings of this club, visited its cooking and training schools for domestics, and attended its annual meeting to hear the reports and addresses of its officers, and I came to believe that its success was owing to the enthusiasm and fine executive ability of a few women who had founded it and who had ever since faithfully served it. In 1889 it had been in existence for fifteen years, and had a membership of 2600 women, representing as many families. Its intention was to forward "the practical interests of the household," but from this wide field it had selected two points of attack. It aimed to reduce the cost of living by furnishing goods of the best quality and at reasonable prices, and to provide good house service by means of a training school and a free intelligence office. Consultation as to housekeeping methods formed no part of its work. The German housewife needs no instruction here. She keeps house very much as her mother did, and those methods she learned before she was married. Centuries of training have had effect even upon the palate in Germans, and certain tastes go with certain means. This makes such a degree of public cooking practicable as relieves the household from all baking and from the preparation of all food that can be cold, or indeed hot within certain limits. It greatly reduces the labor done in the house and renders a not too exacting routine possible. In these older countries the art of living when considered with regard to the means at disposal is a far more perfect thing than with us. Accustomed to the judicious use of a certain income in her mother's house, the young wife, once granted the money necessary for a certain style of living, only needs a little executive ability, and this quality is always at hand, plainly inherited along with her old mahogany and linen, to direct her competent servants and to achieve such results in her housekeeping as will be highly satisfactory to her family and friends.

An Effective Rebuke.

A short time since a party of men were passing an evening in an Indiana hotel playing a game of "clinch." Seated near by was an on looker, a callow youth, evidently making his first trip, who at every fine play that was made or good hand that was held would emit a series of oaths as sulphurous as Sam Jones' sermons. One of the party, a portly, dignified man, was manifestly annoyed by the young man, and finally asked him to desist from such profane comments, remarking that it was a useless and foolish habit. The youth replied that it was a habit that cost no money, and he had lots of company. For a few seconds he remained quiet, but at last broke out again, worse than ever, as an unusually good hand was beaten. Rising from his chair, the dignified gentleman said:

"Young man, I asked you as a gentleman to desist from your profanity. By your continuance of it I consider it a direct insult to me. I wish to inform you that the name you take in vain so glibly is that of a dear friend of mine, and an especially dear one of my mother as well. If another oath passes your lips while here, I shall be tempted to forget myself and teach you by bodily force a lesson you have evidently failed to learn—reverence of your Maker."

At these words the youth soon left the room.

Our Navy.

An officer in the navy says that the old severity and brutality conduct toward the sailors is rapidly disappearing, and that, while discipline is strictly maintained, the officers try to make the men conform to it cheerfully. It is beginning to be realized that a ship's company is a big family, each member of which owes something to the others, and that work willingly done is better done than when the workman is kicked into doing it. Many of the officers do a good deal for the men in the way of getting up amateur theatricals and other amusements, and sailors who keep sober and show industry get shore leave and other privileges. The use of grog is disappearing, and the cooking shows improvement, the officer of the deck sampling dishes at each meal before they are placed on the mess tables.

The Madstone.

"Here's something that will interest you," said a physician, as he placed a lump of slaty-looking stone in the hands of a scribe. "A patient of mine gave me that this morning with as grand an air as if she were giving me a silver dinner service. No doubt she though it had as great a value. It's a madstone. You've read accounts of them. Put them on a dog bite and they will suck it and give off green forth, and all that sort of rubbish. There's no such thing as a madstone in the world. Touch the stone to your tongue. Notice anything? Sticks, doesn't it? That is because it is anhydrous. It has gone through a slight chemical change, and has lost a part of the water that was in its original composition, so that it readily absorbs moisture. It will stick to a cut or a bite or anything else that is wet, and that is all there is to it. But it's a harmless sort of superstition, and if it makes any poor devil comfortable, for goodness sake let him believe it.

OUR STORE

Is not the child of chance, but the ripened fruit of

TRUTH, INDUSTRY AND ACCOMMODATION!

Truth—in the fulfilment of our obligations!
Industry—in our tireless effort to please!
Accommodation—in our endeavor to do all for our customers they cannot do for themselves!

We announce a continuance of our great sales in

Dry Goods,
Dress Goods
—AND—
Milinery,

and that we are better than ever prepared to promise delightful surprises in each department.

We will enter into no detail, preferring that each reader of this announcement shall come and see for him and herself that we are now as heretofore,

First in Style!
Best in Quality!
Lowest in Price!

Under these circumstances the seed of dull trade cannot germinate in our garden, for popularity is the flower that blooms there in profusion, as rich as those which adorn our

LADIES' DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED HATS!

With the axe at the root of high prices, with the dross refined and none but the pure gold of utternost perfection in all our lines, is it any wonder that our store is the Mecca of fashion-hunting pilgrims? Is it any surprise that all who properly appreciate solid goods and minimum prices should flock to our establishment as did the people of old to the glittering market-places of the Orient?

One suggestion, however, to those who are delaying—remember, it is just as sensible and important to be on time as to be in style. Come at once and see our new goods.

B. STERN & CO.,
FROSTBURG, MD.
April 23

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FLINTSTONE

CANNED GOODS

Pack of 1891.

I INVITE the attention of the public to the superior quality of my "FLINTSTONE" brand of Canned Fruits and Vegetables, to be found on the shelves of all firstclass grocery stores in the county. My pack is as follows:

Cooking Tomatoes—Choice, fully ripe and superior flavor.

Extra Tomatoes—Finest whole Tomatoes, ready for slicing.

Dessert Apples—Selected varieties, packed in full syrup and ready to serve as dessert fruit.

Pie Peaches—Extra mountain Peaches, fine flavor, all full cans; nearly one-third more Peaches in can than Baltimore packed pie peaches.

Corn—Selected variety of Sugar Corn, packed when young and tender with utmost neatness and care.

My goods are sold to all merchants at moderate prices and will give full satisfaction in every particular.

Notice—All the corn packed at my Flintstone Canning House this season has on the label a *facsimile* of my signature, thus:

B. L. Tinner

Any can which does not bear my signature was not packed this season. [Jan 16]

TO THE PUBLIC.

IF you must grow ill at times, remember that I still dispense

PURE MEDICINES

at the old stand according to prescriptions written by our good physicians. Also a full line of Standard Patent Medicines, together with Fancy Toilet Articles and Fancy Goods, Paints, Oils, Varnishes and Brushes. Window Glass of all sizes, and selling as low as the lowest. I desire particularly to call attention to my Glycerine Lotion, a preparation put up only by myself and guaranteed to cure the most aggravated case of chapped surface—either the face or hands. Try it; it is all I ask and if it does not give perfect satisfaction I will gladly lose the price asked—25 and 50 cents per bottle.

DAN. KRAPF, Jr.,
PHARMACIST.
Nov 12 Main street.

JOHN CHAMBERS,

—DEALER IN—
STAPLE AND FANCY

GROCERIES,

Flour, Feed and Provisions.
Queensware, Woodware, Tinware.
Canned and Fresh
Oysters
A SPECIALTY.
Main Street, - - FROSTBURG, MD.
March 29

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RESTAURANT.

Everything Seasonable and Fresh
Cuisine Unexcelled.

ELEGANT DINING ROOM for LADIES and GENTLEMEN on street floor. A pleasant home and place of refreshment for visitors stopping between trains.

C. Reichenbach,
RESTAURATEUR,
Nov 21 Frostburg, Md.

FOR SALE.

HOUSE AND LOT on Orman street and Houses and Lots in other parts of the town. [Feb 4] JAMES KANE.

Do You Eat Bread?

IF YOU DO YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Gold Medal Flour,

Made by Washburn, Crosby & Co., Minneapolis, Minn., the pioneers in the manufacture of Fancy Flour from hard Spring Wheat.

Made in the largest flouring mills in the world. Daily capacity, ten (10,000) thousand barrels.

Made of Hard Northern Spring Wheat, which makes the Strongest and Best Flour in the world.

☞ *Sold by all grocers.*

Oct 31

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A Rare Chance!

FURNITURE
At Cost!

OWING to the calamity which recently befel my store building, destroying the roof and third story, and not being able to get a place to remove my stock to keep it out of the weather, I am compelled to dispose of same at almost any price in order to save it from ruin by rain or snow, either of which is likely to occur at any time at this season of the year.

The stock comprises Walnut, Oak and Poplar Bed Room Suits; at least 25 Parlor Suits of the latest styles and upholstered in all kinds of Plushes, Brocatels, Tapestries, etc., ranging in price from $25 to $125; also a very fine lot of Upholstered and Rattan Easy Chairs, especially selected for the holiday trade, and a fine lot of Lounges, Bed Lounges, Side-Boards, Hall Racks, Wardrobes, Extension Tables, all kinds of Mattresses, Springs, and, in fact, everything pertaining to a first class Furniture store. Some of this Furniture has been slightly damaged, but the bulk is yet uninjured, and that which has been damaged in any way will be sold exceedingly low. This is an opportunity to get

GOOD FURNITURE CHEAP

which no one in need of same can afford to miss.

Trusting that my friends and the public in general will avail themselves of this chance to get cheap Furniture, and at the same time assist me in a time of need, I am,

Respectfully,

C. F. NICKEL.

Nov 28

Have You a House

THAT IS NOT INSURED?

IF so, you want to place a policy on it today or to-morrow before you dine.

You want the risk taken, too, by a standard company, such as D. P. MILLER, of Cumberland, represents. Any policy is good until a fire occurs, but then it is you want a pledge of indemnity worth its face in gold.

Rates not quite as low as wildcat figures, but the lowest consistent with certain and perfect iddemnity in event of loss. Apply to

J. B. ODER,
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FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING ESTABLISHMENT
—OF—

GEHAUF & MAYER,

Where all will always find the **Largest Stock, Lowest Prices,** and **Latest Styles** of

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Prices Reasonable.

☞ OPEN DAY AND NIGHT. Telegraphic orders promptly attended to.

Ravenscraft's Opera House Building,
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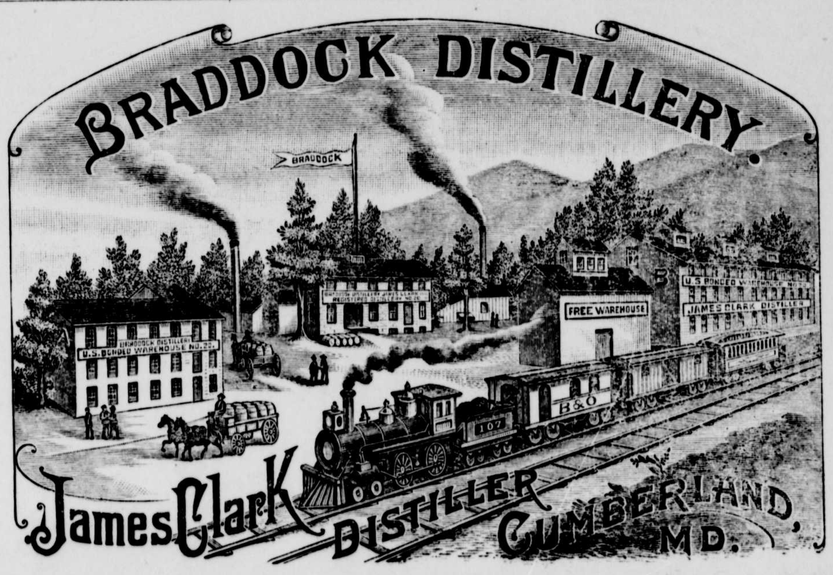
Feb 20



To all those desiring a pure and unadulterated Whiskey for the Holidays, or for Medicinal Purposes, or as a Beverage, we take pleasure in recommending our

"BRADDOCK" PURE RYE WHISKEY,

DISTILLED FROM THE VERY CHOICEST

MOUNTAIN RYE AND SPRING WATER.

These goods are distilled under our own personal supervision, and we have, therefore, no hesitation in guaranteeing all our "Braddock."

We are the Largest Distillers and Dealers in all grades of fine

Whiskeys, Brandies, Gins, Wines, Alcohol, &c.,

in Western Maryland, and are fully equipped to supply the wants of our customers.

GIVE * THE * "BRADDOCK" * A * TRIAL.

THE BEST ALL-RYE WHISKEY MADE.

☞ Special and prompt attention given to all orders. Correspondence solicited. Read what Revenue Agents who have charge of our Distillery have to say regarding the purity of our goods:

OFFICE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, CUMBERLAND, MD., Aug. 16, 1888.

I hereby certify that during the time I was deputy collector internal revenue for District of Maryland James Clark, in the manufacture of his Braddock Pure Rye Whiskey, according to the record from government books, used only rye and barley malt.

WEBSTER BRUCE.

OFFICE BRADDOCK DISTILLERY, CUMBERLAND, MD.

Having been under assignment as United States storekeeper and guager at the Braddock distillery of James Clark, I hereby certify that in the manufacture of his Braddock Pure Barley Malt Whisky only barley malt is used.

JOHN H. YOUNG.

OFFICE BRADDOCK DISTILLERY, CUMBERLAND, MD.

Having been under assignment as United States storekeeper and guager at the Braddock distillery of James Clark while in operation I hereby certify that in the manufacture of the Braddock Pure Rye Whisky only rye and barley malt are used.

J. P. WILLARD.

JAMES CLARK AND CO.,

Distillers Braddock Pure Rye,

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We sell our Braddock Pure Rye at $2, $2.50, $3 and $4 per gallon, according to age. In ordering, always send money by Postal Note or Money Order. At offices where Postal Notes cannot be obtained and money is enclosed, 2-cent stamps can be sent for Jugs as follows: 1-gallon Jugs, 15 cents; 2-gallon Jugs, 20 cents; 3-gallon Jugs, 45 cents; 5-gallon Kegs, $1. When you desire goods packed in boxes, add 10 cents for box and packing; otherwise, goods will be shipped without boxing. ☞ *It is unlawful to ship Whiskey C. O. D.; consequently the money must always accompany your orders.*

Oct 29 JAMES CLARK & CO.