## Scientific.

The first result of Agassiz's expedition in the Hassler is the discovery of a curious fish, that builds a nest for its eggs of and in the drifting Gulf weed. This "fish-cradle, rocking upon the deep ocean, is carried along as an undying arbor, affording at the same time protection and afterward food for its living freight." Professor Agassiz describes the nest as a round mass of gulf weed, about the size of two fists the branches and leaves of which were knit together by threads trending in every direction among the sea-weeds. The eggs were scattered through the mass of the nest and resembled beads hanging on clusters of threads. The fish that builds the nest has fins like hands, that is to say, the pectoral fins are supported by a kind of prolonged, wristlike appendages, and the rays of the ventral are not unlike rude fingers. With these limbs these fishes have long been known to attach themselves to seaweed, and rather to walk than to swim in their natural element. But now that we have become acquainted with their mode of reproduction. it may fairly be asked if the most important use to which their peculiarly constructed fins are put is not probably in building their nest.

Roofs.—The business blocks of Chicago were covered, chiefly with paper coated with tar and gravel, a roofing. Even the "fireproof' Tribune building was covered with this material, which has been in general use throughout the United States for a number of years. During the progress of the fire it became very evident that these roofs assisted materially in the spread of the conflagration. The heat was of course, intense, whereadjacent buildings were in flames, the tar melted, and ignition was the consequence; so that roofs which ordinarily resist fire, in this instance were prime aiders in spreading it.

We have always been opposed to the use of this kind of roofing material and now insist upon it that architects. and builders abandon it altogether. It may be well enough to use it upon isolated cheap dwellings, but let us have no more of it within the fire limits. Let no architect who values his reputation recommend it to his client. In place of paper and tar, we have tin, iron or, what is better than either, concrete. The latter will endure fire and is not expensive. Our concrete pavement stood intact where great flagging stones flew to pieces. We recommend a the concrete for roofing purposes, and trust the architects may be induced to listen to reason and experience, and recommend it for all brick and stone edifices .- Chicago American Builder.

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Another link has been added to the telegraphic girdle that one day will completely surround the globe. A cable has been successfully laid from Batavia, Java, to Port Darwin, Aus.

TO CURE SORE THROAT. - Take the white of two eggs and beat them in with two spoons of white sugar, grate in a little nutmeg, and then add a pint of luke-warm water. Stir well and crink often.

Josh BILLINGS says of a mule, that he is a larger bird than the goose or the turkey; he has two legs to stand on, and two to kick with; his wings are situated on the top of his head.

It is a little singular that the celebrated Warwick Castle in England and the Warwick House in Boston should both have been seriously damaged by fire the same day.

Among the furniture necessary in the church in Baltimore where the Episcopal Convention is in session are said to be 295 spittoons. What a comment.

A noisy piece of crockery—The cup that cheers.

Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam. triumph.

## Agriculture.

ABOUT HORSES.

TAKE CARE OF THEIR LEGS.

Few men who handle horses give proper attention to the feet and legs. Especially is this the case on farms. Much time is spent of a morning in rubbing, brushing and smoothing the hair on the sides and hips, but at no time are the feet examined and properly cared for. Now be it known that the feet of a horse require more care than the body. "They need ten times as much, for in one respect they need ten times as much, for in one respeet they are almost the entire horse. All the grooming that can be be done won't avail anything if the herse is forced to stand where his feet will be filthy. In this case the feet will become disordered, and then the legs will get badly out of fix; and with bad feet and bad legs, there is not much else of the horse fit for anything. Stable prisons generally are terribly severe on the feet and legs of horses; and unless these buildings can afford a dry room, where a horse can walk around, lie down, or roll over. they are not half so healthy and comfortable to the horse as the pasture, and should be avoided by all good hostlers in the country. - Agriculturalist.

BLANKET YOUR HORSE:-At this season of the year, when we have many cold, windy days, horses, when preparation commonly known as felt left standing in our streets for any length of time, should have some sort utes later. of covering thrown over them to keep them warm and comfortable and prevent them from becoming chilled. Careful drivers will always do this, and in passing through our streets it is very gratifying to notice so many horses kindly cared for in this respect, indicating the pleasant sympathy and interest of the owner for the welfare of his beast. There are those, however who possess so little sympathy and care for their animals that they never think of protecting them against cold, even when sweaty from hard driving or overwork. Such people ought never to have the charge of a horse, but as this cannot always be regulated, they should be compelled in some way to take proper care of them -Haverhill Publisher.

> A correspondent of the Canada Farmer writes relative to sore or galled shoulders on horses: Wash them well every night and morning with a strong solution of oak bark, made by boiling the bark in water; then rub next. them well with linseed oil. Anoint them every night and morning with a salve made of three parts of linseed oil and one part quicklime. To make horses' shoulders tough, wash the shoulders well twice a day for a week before working with the oak bark so-

RHEUMATISM IN COWS .- The symptoms of rheumatism are swelling of a joint or joints, as for instance the fetlock joint. The swelling is accompanied by lameness, and the disease has a tendency to shift from one leg to another, or to affect more parts of the body than that in which it first appeared. The most frequent causes of rheumatism are damp, badly drained stables or cow sheds, exposed to cold winds: and an important item in the treatment of the disease is to protect the animal from any of the causes mentioned. The swollen joints should be gently rubbed with camphorated spirit, and half an ounce of carbonate of potash given twice a day in a quart of tepid water. Diet should be of rather a laxative kind.

A porrespondent of the Williamette Farmer feeds his stock a tablespoo ful of sulphur to each animal, with their salt, once in two weeks. When he has done so no vermin has troubled them and his cows have not been affected with garget nor his sheep with grub in the head. He has practiced this twenty years.

#### SUUM CUIQUE.

The rain has spoiled the farmers's day, Shall sorrow put my books away? Thereby are two days lost; Nature shall mind her own affairs; I will attend my proper cares, In rain or sun or frost. R. W. Emerson.

Work is the weapon of honor, and he who lacks the weapon will never

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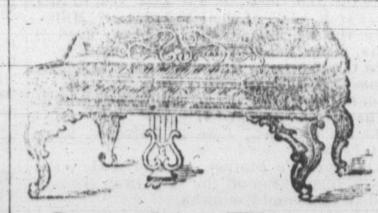
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