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THE FIG IN HIGH LATITUDES.—The Massachusetts Horticultural Society recommends the culture of the fig, and says that, "If it were known how easily fig-trees may be protected in winter, we should often find this fruit on our tables. Nothing more is necessary than to dig up the trees in autumn, and plant them in a cellar; the repetition of this process soon forming a mass of fibrous roots, rendering their removal a matter of entire safety, at the same time that it induces fruitfulness."

COMPOST HEAPS.—It is reported as said by Dr. Voelcker, chemist of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, that the escape of ammonia from fermenting heaps of manure goes on but slightly; that while the escape is great from the heated central part of the heap, the ammonia is absorbed by acids formed by the decomposition and by the water present in the heap. All this goes to show that the manure heap should be kept well covered with absorbents, and that an occasional sprinkling with water is beneficial. Besides good will result from copious sprinklings of ground gypsum or plaster.

MILK PAINT.—In "Every Man His Own Painter," we find the following: "For painting in rooms where the smell of oil or turpentine would be objectionable, a preparation may be made as follows: 'Take eight ounces of freshly slacked lime and mix it in an earthen vessel with three quarts of skimmed sweet milk. In another vessel mix three and a half pounds of Paris white with three pints of the milk. When these mixtures are well stirred up put them together and add six ounces of linseed oil. Mix these well and it will be ready for use. This preparation is equal to oil paint, and is excellent for walls and ceilings. Any shade may be made by the addition of dry pigments."

MOLASSES GINGERBREAD.—One cup of molasses, one-half cup of brown sugar, a piece of butter as large as an egg, two-thirds cup of sour milk, one egg, one teaspoonful of soda, and flour to thicken. Warm but do not boil the molasses.—Household.

WHITE CAKE.—Less expensive and quite as good as pound cake. Two cups white sugar, one cup butter, one cup milk, whites of seven eggs, two cups flour, one cup corn starch, one teaspoonful cream tartar. Flavor with lemon or almond. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, and the butter and sugar to a cream before adding the milk and eggs. Put the corn-starch in last.

POTATO SOUP.—Put two quarts of pared and sliced potatoes into a kettle, and pour on two and a half quarts of boiling water. Boil until soft, then skim out the potatoes, mash them and put them back into the water; add one pint and a half of milk and butter; salt and pepper to the taste.

A WELL-TRAINED HUSBAND.—During a late trial of a case in Canada, a Dutch witness persisted in telling what his wife told him. To this, of course, the counsel objected, and it was so ruled by the judge. Myneer, however, again proceeded to tell "shust how it vas," when the counsel sang out, "How do you know that?" "My vive told me," was the answer. This was repeated several times. Presently the judge, unable to control himself any longer, interrupted. "Suppose your wife were to tell you that the heavens had fallen, what would you think?" "Vell, I should tink tey vas down."

Scientific.

A VELOCIPEDE RACE.

A fifty mile race on bicycle velocipedes recently took place at Wolverhampton, Eng., between two experienced riders, Moore and Johnson. Moore, the smaller man of the two, agreed to allow his opponent an advantage of two miles in the fifty. The first fourteen miles were run in 59 minutes and 23 seconds, the advantage being in favor of Moore. At the end of the twentieth mile the race seemed to be over, as Johnson was evidently suffering from having repeatedly to force his high wheel with short crank up hill against the wind. Moore, on the other hand, with small wheel and long crank, had no difficulty in making the ascent. On the twenty-seventh mile Moore passed Johnson for the sixth time, who could now scarcely move his vehicle up the short hill, and on the twenty-eighth mile, Johnson gave up the race. Moore finished the remainder alone, making the fifty miles in three hours 56 minutes and 40 seconds, and running the last mile quite as quickly as the first. At starting, in view of the odds given to Johnson, bets of three to one were offered that he would come off victor.

VITAL MECHANISM.—It has been assumed by those competent to form an opinion that there are twenty-five thousand muscles in a silkworm. There are eight thousand in the trunk of an elephant, and in most of the serpents perhaps more than a million. Through the instrumentality of those organs the flexibility of the body-constrictor depends. By an act of will—that is, instantly charging the muscles with an extra force—the great python of Africa crushes a living lion into a shapeless mass for swallowing. Every bone is ground into fragments, so that no opposing obstacles in the form of splinters or projecting points can injure the throat on the way to the snakes immensely large elastic stomach. Neither art or science has yet discovered a method for generating such power by apparently such a simple device.

A mouse's ear, of ordinary size, presents on an average, 6,000 nerve terminations, or, for both ears, 12,000. The function of this elaborate development is probably, as in the case of the bat's wing, to enable the animal to guide its way through dark, narrow passages.

Sunflowers are raised in Watowan Co., Minn., for fuel. The oily seeds in the flowers make a hot fire, and the woody stock, when dried, furnishes a good substitute for cordwood, which is very scarce in that region. It is estimated that two acres will produce enough to last an ordinary family through a long winter.

THE ODOURS OF PLANTS.—It is reckoned that as a general principle, a larger portion of white flowers are fragrant than those of any other colour; yellow comes next, then red, and lastly blue; after which, and in the same order, may be reckoned violet, green orange, brown and black.

SCOTCH PEARLS AND BRIDGES.—It is a popular theory in Scotland, that "the building of bridges diminishes the number of pearls in the rivers." At first sight this seems very much like making Tenderden steeple responsible for the existence of the Goodwin Sands; but the naturalist finds a basis of scientific truth in the apparent non-sequitur. Before the bridges were built, the cattle, in fording the stream, trod upon the mussels, and the injury done to the shells caused the formation of pearls; but now that the cattle cross by the bridges, the secretion of the pearls is no longer promoted in that way. The peasant could observe the fact, though he could not give the philosophy of it.—Journal of Chemistry.

The velocity of electric waves through the Atlantic cable has been ascertained to be from 7,000 to 8,900 miles per second. Telegraph wire upon poles in the air conduct the electric waves with more than double the rapidity of the transmission, increasing with the height. Wires elevated transmit signals with a velocity of 12,000 miles per second, and those of a considerable height give a velocity of 16,000 or 20,000.

An Irish editor congratulates himself that "half the lies told about him ain't true."

OUR BREATHING APPARATUS.—The air cells of the lungs are estimated to contain a surface of fifteen hundred square feet and constitute one of the great outlets by which the system rids itself of unfriendly matter which finds its way into the blood.

Three French ladies in Strasburg, recently contrived to evade the Prussian order, forbidding and display of French tri-color. One dressed herself completely in red, another in white, and another in blue, and thus attired, they walked the streets in company, to the chagrin of the Prussian officials.

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Mrs. MATILDA ROCKWELL. Personally appeared before me and maketh oath to the above cert. ALBERT BECKWITH, J. P. Cornwallis, March 13, 1870.

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MESSENGER ALMANAC.

MARCH, 1873.

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