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Two Odd Farms.

One of the oddest farms in the world is to be seen in Japan—a farm from which a crop of tens of thousands of snapping turtles is shipped every year. It is the property of a Mr. Hattori, says Professor Mitsukuri in the National Geographic Magazine, and has solved the problem of preserving the supply of what is to the Japanese as great a delicacy as the diamond-back terrapin is to some Americans.

The farm consists chiefly of a number of ponds. Some of them are set apart as breeding ponds. Once a day a man goes over the shores and with little wire baskets covers up all new egg deposits. Sometimes thousands of these wire baskets are in sight at a time, marking the place where the eggs lie and preventing the turtles from scratching the earth from them.

Hatching requires from forty to sixty days, according to the weather. The young, as soon as they appear, are put in separate small ponds, and are fed with finely chopped fish. They eat this during September and October, and late in October burrow in the mud for the winter, coming out in April or May.

Most of them are sold in the market when they are from three to five years old, at which time they are most delicate.

Japan also contains a unique fishery in a pearl-oyster farm. In the Bay of Ago a Japanese has established a plantation from which he is reaping a harvest of jewels.

In May or June stones weighing six to eight pounds are sunk in shallow water, and in August the tiny shells begin to appear on them. Here the stones remain for two months, but the young oysters cannot stand cold. In November, therefore, all rocks in less than five feet of water are moved farther out, where the temperature is more even. At the end of three years, when the shells are about two inches across, they are taken from the water, nuclei for pearls are inserted in them, and they are put back again, thirty of them to every six feet square of bottom.

They are left there four years. Then, being seven and a half years old, they are removed and searched for pearls.

The harvest of artificial or "culture" pearls is very large, but unfortunately these are only little more than half-pearls, for although large, lustrous and of fine quality, they are flat on one side. This the farmer hopes to remedy in time; but the market for half-pearls is always very large.

He has an additional source of income in the natural pearls which his oysters produce, for there is not lacking among them the usual proportion of perfect gems to be found among oysters of this variety.

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Whooping-Cough.

It is strange how little is thought of whooping cough and how little care is taken to prevent it, for it is in truth a dangerous disease. The mortality statistics show that more children die from whooping-cough than from measles. Scarlet fever alone among what are called the diseases of childhood causes a greater number of deaths.

A child with whooping-cough should be as strictly isolated as if he had scarlatina, and it is very wrong for a mother to take her infant with this disease on boats or in cars, where it is likely to carry infection to others. An older child should be kept away from school and not allowed to play with other children, except such as have already had the malady.

It is usually easy to recognize whooping-cough after the disease is fully established; for the paroxysmal cough, going on and on and on until the child's breath is all but gone, and then succeeded by the long, noisy inspiration, is unmistakable.

The disease varies so greatly in severity in different cases and in different years that it has been suggested that it would be wise to expose children to the infection in a year when its course was mild. But it is a very serious thing to expose a child deliberately to the dangers of any disease of this nature, for even in a year of the mildest epidemic an individual case here and there will be severe and even fatal.

When it is said that over seventy drugs have been recommended in the treatment of whooping-cough, it may be assumed that none of them has been found very efficacious. This is not to say that much good may not be obtained from certain medicines, such as quinin and belladonna, for example, yet the main reliance in the management of a case of this disease is on hygienic measures.

Although the patient must be kept away from school and from other children, it must on no account be kept in the house. Fresh air and sunshine are the best agents in the hygienic treatment. City air is better than none, but it is best, when possible, to send the child to the country, where it can be outdoors all day, and not be forced to inhale dust and smoke. In stormy weather, when one must perforce stay indoors, the play-room windows should all be wide open and the bedroom windows should also be open.

The food should be plentiful and nourishing, and whenever the stomach rejects a meal the patient should have another at once—at least a glass of milk and some bread and butter.

Try This For Your Cough.

To relieve a cough or break up a cold in twenty-four hours, the following simple formula, the ingredients of which can be obtained of any good prescription druggist at small cost, is all that will be required: Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), one half ounce; Glycerine, two ounces; good whiskey, a half pint. Shake well and take in teaspoonful doses every four hours. The desired results can not be obtained unless the ingredients are pure. It is therefore better to purchase the ingredients separately and prepare the mixture yourself. Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) should be purchased in the original half-ounce vials, which druggists buy for dispensing. Each vial is securely sealed in a round wooden case which protects the Oil from exposure to light. Around the wooden case is an engraved wrapper with the name—"Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure)"—plainly printed thereon. There are many imitations and cheap productions of Pine, but these only create nausea, and never effect the desired results.

Domestic Help.

Some housekeepers are now trying the plan of employing domestic help for only part of a day, without going to the expense of having to provide an extra room for a permanent maid. One family engaged a helper for the four morning hours, from eight to twelve, for \$4 a week. During that time she swept, dusted, washed all the dishes, those left from dinner of the day before as well as the breakfast china; prepared vegetables, made beds and accomplished a great deal of ironing. Of course, all this was not done in one morning. The work for each day was planned beforehand. For less than this one would imagine good service could be had, but when one considers space and furniture are saved and no meals given, this kind of a servant is in reality cheaper than a regular "general." In a small family, a flat does not always furnish enough work for the whole time of a maid, and nothing is more trying for maid and mistress than for the former to have idle hands in so small a space. Restlessness and discontent are sure to arise, while the housekeeper cannot conscientiously enjoy doing a little cooking or housework on her own account lest she take away the excuse that keeps her servant. It would be more satisfactory in such a case to dismiss the "general" for an hourly worker, if it were not for the awkwardness of having to answer one's own doorbell at many an inopportune and trying moment. Many a housewife pays good wages to an indifferent maid.—New York Post.

If the recommendations of a college baseball coach are adopted, the game will be more confusing to the uninitiated than it is at present. He suggests that the batter be allowed to run the bases either way, going from the home plate to first base or to third, as he chooses, and continue that way to the home plate again. When the first man in an inning has run to the left instead of to the right all the others will have to go that way. Whether there is any merit in the proposal or not, it indicates that the baseball players are not going to allow the football players to have things all to themselves in amending rules.

Water From an Irish Bog.

(Correspondence 'Portland Oregonian'.)

The bacteriological department at the college has received a bottle of water from Ireland, and the contents will figure in experiments in which Professor Pernot is striving to discover a more successful retting process for the flax of this country. Professor Pernot has been working on the problem for two or three years.

The water received from Ireland was taken from a retting pond. The Irish bogs furnish the water for such ponds. Its superiority over the American water for the purpose is largely a reason why Irish linens distance ours and all others. American flax has at some of the world's fairs taken the premium over all comers, Irish included, notably at Philadelphia. In the organism in the Irish bog water and retting ponds one secret of Erin's superiority? Will those organisms put in American waters and retting ponds improve the American flax products?

These are the secrets for which Professor Pernot is striving, and that is why he has imported the bottle of Irish bog water. These are eight ounces of its contents. The organisms will be taken from it, be grown in pure cultures, be separated and classified, and their operations on different culture media be observed and be compared with similar organisms taken from American retting water. American water will be inoculated with them and flax will be put through the retting process in Professor Pernot's laboratory. A long time will be required in the research.

Accompanying the water from Ireland is a sample of Irish flax and a sample of fibre after the retting. The latter is 36 inches long, and is very silky and soft.

The Mean Thing!

Praise from a husband's lips is always pleasant to the wife; but the praise may be too discriminating to suit her.

"I thought it was nice of you to tell that carpenter, who seemed to think women know nothing, that I could 'hammer nails like lightning,'" said Mrs. Morse to her husband. "But I'm afraid, dear, you are not an unprejudiced judge. I really don't think I'm such a very good hammerer."

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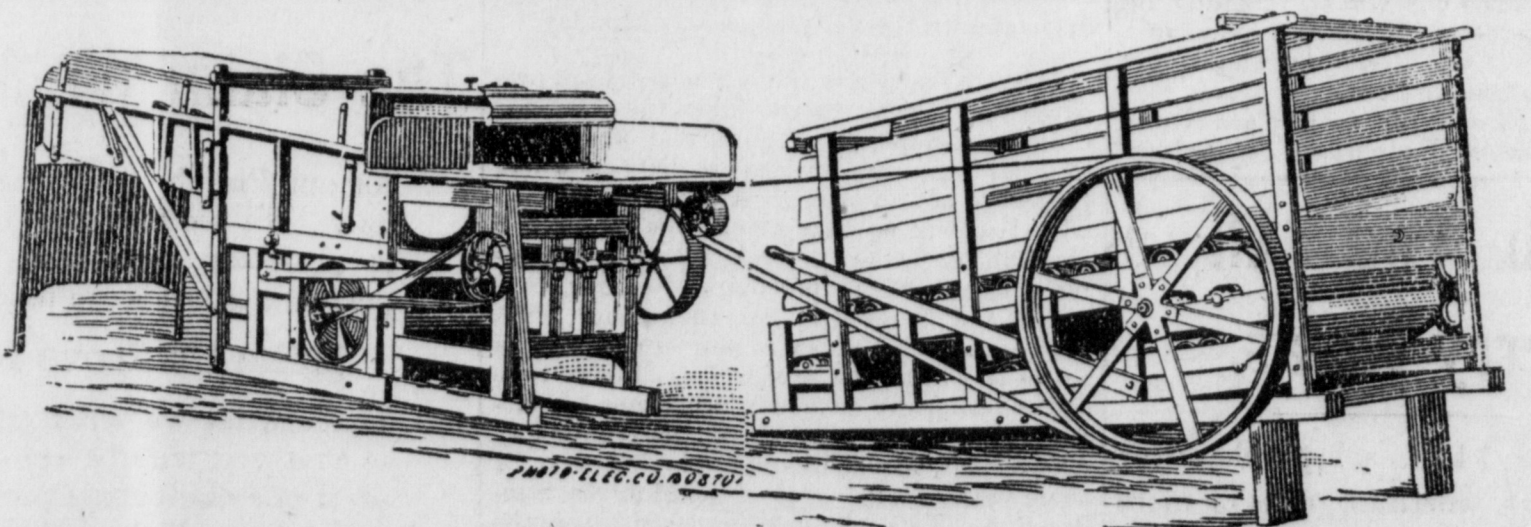
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Japan is said to be making exorbitant demands of Russia for fishing rights on the Russian Pacific coast. The 'Novoe Vremya,' commenting on this says, the feeling is growing in St. Petersburg that the duration of peace in the Far East will depend very largely on Russia's readiness to sacrifice, not only her hegemony on the Pacific coast, but even the modest position there which she at present occupies. If Russian diplomacy is conciliatory, war may be staved off, but not otherwise. The demands made by the Japanese representatives at the Fisheries Conference are described as monstrous, but Russia, it is feared, cannot afford to refuse them.

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