Poisoned by Chloride of Sodium.

Early this morning a tremendous commotion was created in a lodging-house on H street by an inveterate wag who ought to be taken care of at once. The eight o'clock came down from his room nothing new, the discussion appears to and told the landlady that her little boy show that the lentil is considered an eshad found a box of chloride of sodium pecially valuable article of food. The on his washstand and had taken some.

"If you can get a stomach-pump into him inside of an hour, he'll live. Now, small vetch, and is a legume of great don't get excited. Keep cool. Put a antiquity, as it is mentioned in the mustard-plaster on his stomach at once, and send for all the doctors in reach. You'll be sure to find one at home."

By this time the frantic mother had frying-pan, and are sold in that state in the boy stretched out on the bed, and shops, being considered by the natives was getting a square yard of mustard- as the best food for those who underplaster ready. At the same time she take long journeys. The lentil is also dispatched three boys and a little girl cultivated in France, Spain and Gerfor medical aid.

"Here," said the wag, coolly, "I'll present day in England, the earliest releave you the name of the chemical on a cords of English agriculture show that piece of paper -chloride of sodium. lentils were cultivated in England at a Make no mistake; any doctor will know very remote period. In their average French knot; but they are few who what to do the minute he sees the name. composition lentils bear a close resem-It's all right; now don't cry. It won't blance to peas, the former containing a doing it. The silk should be held down have the slightest effect under an smaller per centage of water and flesh- firmly by the left thumb, at about an hour. Keep cool; don't frighten the formers, more fat-formers, and the same inch to the left of the place where it child. I'll go down and send up some amount of woody fiber and ash. Len- comes through the cloth, and then the doctors myself." And here the young tils are as easily grown as common field needle should be passed under and over man started at a brisk pace down town, peas; a dry, warm, sandy or calcareous the thread three times, and then through side, we are still surrounded by imand soon had several doctors routed out soil being best suited for them. Lawson the cloth close to the point where the enumerates four varieties of lentils, silk comes up.

Meanwhile the boy, who was abou namely, (1) the large lentil, a most pronine years old, was bawling at the top of ductive variety; (2) common, or yellow summer calicoes, however pretty, fade. his voice, and some of the ladies from lentil, the sort most esteemed in the Then bleach your dingy dresses, ladies. neighboring houses came in to help hold Paris market, being considered of su- Let them be washed and boiled in hot him on the bed while the mustard-plas- perior quality; (3) red lentil, which suds until all the color possible is exter was spread on his stomach. Every differs from either of the preceding va- tracted, then finish the job by scalding woman who came in was shown the name rieties in having the flowers of a light lye and washing with suds and lying on of the poison written on the paper, and red, and the seeds of a reddish-brown the first young grass. Good prints and they ejaculated, "Mercy on us!" color, while the flowers of the other other articles of dress are frequently "Gracious me!" "Oh, my!" and kinds are small and whitish, and the cast aside because they are faded, but "Merciful heaven !" in concert.

Presently the doctors began to arrive. has also reddish flowers, and is grown by this mode of bleaching. Dr. Harris came tearing up the alley in France chiefly as green food for cat with a stomach-pump, followed by tle, as it produces more haulm than the Webber, Anderson, Conn, Pritchard, other kinds.

Grant, Heath, Bergstein, and, indeed, "The seed should be sown in drills almost the entire medical faculty of the about a foot apart, and not too thick ; in city, with medicine-cases, instruments fact, the plants when above ground and stomach pumps. At the sight of so should be three or four inches distant formidable an array the patient (on in the rows. About two bushels, say whom the plaster was drawing like a 120 pounds, will, with care, sow a statten-mule team) set up a howl of de- ute acre; at the same time, as much as

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

ers of this vegetable now urge making you again." "Well," persisted the old the furrows of the beds deep enough to man, "I never did. To think that this Lentils. bring the crowns of the roots low down, is you. They tell me you've grown The agriculturists of England are so that a cultivator or small plow may awful rich, John." John admitted that taking a good deal of interest in the be worked over them without injury. - he had "saved something." "And man was lodging in the house, and about cultivation of the lentil. While it is New York World.

REMEDY FOR RATS.-Peppermint is said to be so obnoxious to rats that they Irish Farmers' Gazette (Dublin) says : "In appearance the lentil resembles a fully used. A farmer drove a horde of will not long remain where it is plentirats from his barn by binding up mint book of Genesis. It is much prized in with his wheat.

Egypt and Syria, where the lentils are CLEANING ALABASTER -- Strong soap prepared for use by parching them in a and water is good for cleaning alabaster ; if too much discolored, make a paste News: with quicklime and water, cover the

article well with it, and let it remain all glens and gloomy "kloofs" or fissures. day; wash off with soap and water, rubbing hard the stains; or, supply diluted vines, forming at their base sometimes many, and, although unknown at the muriatic acid, having previously washed the beds of small streams, sometimes off dirt and grease. FRENCH KNOTS.-Every dabbler in

Household Hints.

stances and cheek will do for a man."

The War in South Africa.

embroidery thinks that she can make a know the rapid old fashioned way of

To BLEACH DRESSES. -Like the leaves, seeds of a cream color; (4) small lentil, they may be made to render good service

> For a sprain or weakness, take the defies their most thorny and abrading well-beaten white of one egg, add a tea- opposition. Under cover of the bush spoonful of salt, and rub it well over in war, he, panther-like, steals upon his the sprain once or twice a day.

Health Hints.

foe; in peace, upon the farmer's flock. To make lip salve, take one gill of Secure in both instances from pursuit, sweet oil, one ounce of white wax, three- he can, in the bush, set European pow- Paris exhibition last year. quarters of an ounce spermaceti. Dis- er, European skill and European discisolve them over the fire and stir till pline at naught; and hitherto vain has cool. been every effort to destroy this his impregnable stronghold." Happily for us, Milk is found to form an excellent the Caffre cannot permanently occupy been devised. Physicians admit this, and the solvent for quinine, and also to disguise, the bush. He can only betake himself popular verdict confirms and ratifies the proin a measure, the bitterness of the drug. branching habit of growth, requiring It will be found particularly useful in there occasionally and for a short space fessional dictum, and assigns this salve the of time. The bush supplies no means of foremost place among remedies of its class. administering quinine to children. Five support for a single man, much less for a number of men; and the Caffre is comtasteless. pelled to spend most of his time on those Persons troubled with feet that pervast plains which support the staple spire, or smell offensively, can effect a element of his wealth-his cattle. cure by bathing them every night or As to the military performances of the oftener in a strong solution of borax. Zulus, this is said: Two or three weeks of this treatment The Zulus form in the impenetrable will probably be found sufficient. bush a kind of semi-circle, with the Give your children plenty of out-door | flanks pushed forward, around the stragair; let them sniff it until it sends the gling column; and if the unwary col rosy current of life dancing joyfully to umn advances sufficiently far into this Laxton's Alpha peas. I shall open fur- to their cheeks and temples. Air is so fatal circle its doom is sealed. It is atrows three inches deep for the Gems, cheap and so necessary that no child tacked at once in front and on both should be denied access to it. flanks, and the men from the rear are shot as they gradually come up, without Salt as a Manure. We have applied salt to our garden any hope of resistance. to mingle the manure with the soil, and say at intervals of from six to eight While in the bush, or forming an amthen sow thickly-three peas to an inch. years. We could not discover that it buscade, the Caffres and Zulus are I will treat the Laxton's Alpha in the had any particular effect. We believe, fed and supplied with all necessaries for same way, with the exception that the however, that it had a good effect, be- war by their women, who perform all rows will be two and a half feet apart. sides destroying insect life. We use it the drudgery of the most harsh and The Little Gems grow only a foot high, almost annually on the asparagus beds, cruel servitude. These women, when and require no support. The Alphas as most persons do, and know that the possible, hover about the enemy, and require two and a half feet brush. Two plant greatly thrives upon it. In wheat have frequently gained most important weeks later I shall plant for second crop fields it tends to stiffen the straw, and information for their masters-one can Little Gem, M'Lean's Advancer and acts thus as a protection against storms, hardly say husbands. To such an ex-Champion of England. I have tried a which lay low so many fields. It also tent was this system carried in the last great many kinds, and have come to the attracts moisture, and in times of Caffre war that Colonel Napier proposed conclusion that the four kinds that I drought acts favorably in this way, but to capture all women found lurking have named are the richest-flavored and that it is a manure in any sense, or that about the line of march and remove sufficiently productive-in brief, all it will show itself after the first crop is them into the interior of the country, things considered, the best. It is a removed, we do not believe. It is a where they could be apprenticed as dopleasant and inexpensive amusement to question for the observing farmer to de- mestic servants to the farmers and other try fifty other kinds in a small way. cide whether or not its application will inhabitants until the end of the war. Since "Let us have peas" is such a "pay." In England it has long been To avoid falling into the ambuscades frequent and emphatic remark at our experimented with in every way, as a laid by these savages, there is one, and dinner table, I shall plant liberally every fertilizer, and the farmers there are as one only way-the constant and careful ton days until the 4th of July, burying much in the dark about it to-day as they use of outposts, vedettes and spies. It the seed deeper as the season advances, were at the beginning. The Mark Lane is mere madness to engage a naked savand choosing shadier and moister lo . Express; regarded as good authority age on his own chosen ground, the bush, calities. Very late plantings are usually there, says that there is no clear evi- through which English soldiers, clothed, so injured by mildew that were the dence even as to its mode of action, as and with knapsacks, cannot clamber. vegetable not such a favorite, I would the results are so varying that they are He must be enticed by whatever means, not plant it after the middle of May. "conflicting and contradictory."-Ger- or driven though hunger (by the capture of his women) to take to the open, mantown Telegraph. and then his defeat is inevitable.

they say you're the president of a railroad and get a big salary." Again John had to admit that rumor spoke truth. 'I'm glad on it, John ! I'm glad on it, my boy! It beats all what sarcum-The character of the country in Zululand is thus described by the London Mountain-sides are furrowed by dark These merge downward into deep rathose of roaring torrents. These are generally overhung by luxuriant vegetation in tropical profusion. The woods through which these rivers run are formed frequently of tall and noble trees, among which are met apes and baboons. Here and there may be observed the bare and leafless branches of the euphorbia, the cactus, the aloe and the mimosa. On reaching the mountain-

The Only Way.

penetrable bush, though of a different kind from that just described. Here mimosa and portulacca tribes, high and thorny. This kind of bush is even more impenetrable than the ordinary jungle of India, and cannot be fired, owing to the number of succulent plants and parasites which it contains. Such is the Caffre's never-falling place of refuge in time of peace or war. "In from Colonel Napier's excellent book), "he either, snake-like, twines through and creeps beneath its denest mazes, or, shielded with the kaross, securely





spair. three bushels have been recommended, "What has he taken, madam ?" asked which, however, we consider is too

Dr. Harris.

sobbing. "That's the stuff he took." The doctor read the inscription, passed went around the group. Presently some ably greater number of pods." one remarked:

"Salt, by gracious !"

They explained to the weeping mother that she had been made the victim, as well as themselves, of a cruel hoax. There was a big laugh: but when that wag gets home to his lodgings to-night, salt won't save him .-- Virginia (Nev.) Chronicle.

What Cool Courage May Achieve.

Speaking of the destruction of British force by Zulus in South Africa, a London letter gives this incident: The most extraordinary incident connected with the massacre was the narrow escape of Commandant Lonsdale, who notified Lord Chelmsford. Commandant Lonsdale was quietly returning to camp-he had been ill-was tired. and was slowly jogging along with the sort of lazy perseverance characteristic of a tired traveler. He had crossed the small waterwash to the south of the camp, when his attention was attracted by a bullet passing rather near to him, and on looking up he saw a black man who had evidently just fired. The real truth was, of course, far from his mind, and he merely thought it was one of his own contingent carelessly firing off his rifle, and pursued his way. To some extent the incident seems fortunately to have woke him up, and, although he saw what seemed to be our redcoats sitting in groups in and around the tents. he kept his eyes open, and, when absolutely within ten yards of the tents, he saw a great black Zulu come out of one with a bloody assegai in his hand. This made him look about him more closely, and he saw that black men, and black men only, were the wearers of redcoats. The truth flashed upon him; he could read the scowl of hatred upon every face; but his self-possession does not seem to have failed him, for, quietly turning his pony round he galloped off before the enemy were aware of his intention. A hundred and fifty shots are said to have been fired at him as he did so; but by the mercy of Providence he escaped, and was thus enabled to warn the general and so save his life and the are small and brush is not convenient, lives of those with him. Undoubtedly it may be best to plant the dwarf kinds cupful sugar, one cupful molasses, one streets, there are livery stables in nearhad not such a warning been given Lord only. They can be sown on ground de-Chelmsford accompanied by his start signed for tomatoes, lima beans, melons. raising (chopped), one-half cupful weak is fourteenth and Fifty-ninth streets and and the troops with him, would have walked without suspicion into the skillful trap thus laid, and in such a circumstance few would have escaped. A Pig on Board Ship. While at Ivigtut (South Greenland cryolite mine), on our outward passage, the sailors bought a pig, which was pet- zine. ted to the last degree, and so jealous were they of his rights that the dogs were driven in all directions that poor Dennis, as they christend the pig, might vegetable, being a hardy, perennial not be disturbed. The dogs made several plant, may be grown on the same attempts to attack this favored animal, ground without renewel for an indefibut a constant lookout-such as one nite number of years and at a trifling whereas if a dog attempted to ask for a is a sale for any vegetable. other pig such comforts showered on -fifteen to twenty cords, according to papers and get a reward. With hands er friends, and, with the decision and covered about four inches deep. readiness in meeting difficulties for Plants for transplanting to these beds his equator, gasped faintly for a glass pig was condemned to death without re- spring in a bed in rows fifteen inches -Rome Sentinel. morse or apology. In fact, from that apart. One pound of seed produces moment he was a nuisance, and only fit perhaps 3,000 plants, and an acre when to be killed and eaten, his throat was set as described requires about 15,000 A son of Maine who went West in In all its styles, in every phase, it is dangerous, cut by his dearest friends, and he was plants. The seed-bed must be kept early youth, and has there attained destructive. Stupor, delirium, convulsions, ages of the Pandora-Sir Allen Young. to transplant the succeeding spring.

heavy a seeding, unless in exceptional "Here's the paper !" cried the mother, cases, as the lentils are of a close, room to grow, and one plant will proit to the next man, with a laugh, and it duce 100 to 150, and often a consider- grains in a tumblerful of milk is almost

How to Plant Peas.

Last spring I put in my first peas and potatoes on the 15th of March, and had splendid crops of both, but usually we cannot do much in the open soil before the first week in April. As soon, however, as the frost is out and the ground is dry enough, I shall plant in my driest and warmest soil some Little Gem and

and one foot apart, and in these furrows scatter compost about an inch deep,

draw a pointed hoe through the furrow

Recipes.

APPLE TAPIOCA PUDDING. - Take six large tart apples; pare, core and quarter; put in a pudding dish, over this be the better for any amount of manure, less the ground is poor. When gardens a rich sauce or thick cream and sugar.

A City of Stables.

Is there, or has there ever been, a pour a cupful of tapioca, soaked over city or town in the wide world possessed night in a pint and a half of water, a cup of so many stables as New York? In do not need fertilizers in the drill un- of sugar and flavoring to taste; eat with addition to the host of private stables scattered everywhere up town, and MINCE PIES WITHOUT MEAT. - One often occupying lengths of fine cross

There was a young damsel, oh ! bless her ! It cost very little to dress her. She was sweet as a rose, In her every day clothes, But had no young man to caress her-Because, you see, she had given the mitten to the only fellow in the neighborhood, and the amount of sweetness she was therefore obliged to waste upon the desert air Was simply enough to distress her:

squash, etc., as they do not shade the vinegar, one-half cupful butter, a little ground, and soon mature. I put them | salt, three eggs, three pounded crackers, in such spaces almost altogether, and spices to suit the taste. This will make in rows three or four feet apart, and six small pies. plant the later vegetables between them.

Good Coffes.-Warm three table-As soon as the green pods are picked, I spoonfuls of coffee in the tin coffee have the vines dug under, thus return- pot, which must be dry; when well ing at once to the soil what was taken heated pour on a pint of boiling water ; from it. - E. P. Roe, in Harper's Maga- stir with a wooden ladle for three

That Popular Vegetable.

Deep planting of the seed late in the sea-

son insures longer bearing. I prefer

Champion of England for the main crop,

as it is by general consent regarded as the

flower of the pea family. The short,

low-growing kinds like Little Gem will

but tall varieties like the Champion

minutes without boiling; then add a pint and a half of boiling water, and set the whole back on the stove to steep Asparagus, that deservedly popular for ten minutes.

What He Found.

and straw under the bows of the long- takes the place of trenching, and ma- to be a small bill, he would keep it; if a share of indolence. boat. Never, I should think, had any nure is incorporated in large quantities large one, he would advertise it in the

But now came a change. Our the soil, being applied to the acre. The tightly clasped he hurried to an adjacent suffered much from a pain in the back, decks became full of snow, and every- land is harrowed fine and beds laid out stairway to size his pile. As he un- bandaged himself with flannel moistened thing froze. It was necessary to clear four and a half feet wide; three drills folded his prize with trembling fingers with turpentine. Afterward, desiring away the ice and dirt from Mr. Pig's sty are drawn, fourteen inches apart and he found it to be a canceled revenue to loosen the bandage, and having nothas well as from the other parts of the ship, six inches deep, lengthwise of each bed. stamp from a tobacco package. With ing at hand to cut the thread with which and to do this involved an amount of scrap- Plants one year old are set a foot apart, unsteady steps and haggard face he it was stitched, he lighted a match to ing which was not agreeable to his form- with the roots in natural position and stumbled into a convenient drug store, burn it, and was burned so severely that and, with one hand firmly clasped upon he died in a few hours,

which the seaman is so pre-eminent, the are grown from seed sown early in the of water in which to drown his feelings.

A Welcome.

eaten for dinner on the 7th of September, free from weeds. When carefully culti- wealth and an honorable position, rehaving died only at ten A. M - Two voy- vated the plants will be in fine condition turned last summer to visit his old home. At the village store he saw an A new bed should not be cut before old man whom he had known in his nign anti-febrile specific and preventive of the the third year. Every autumn after younger days. He accosted him, but dreaded scourge is recognized not only within clearing off the stalks, or in the spring was not recognized. "So you don't rebefore the plants start, spread on a member me," said he; "I am John generous covering of manure, to be R .--. " "You !" exclaimed the old forked or plowed under; a top dress- man, "you don't mean to tell me that means of overcoming disorders of the stomach, ing of salt applied in the spring is of you are John R ----?" "I certainly benefit in localities out of range of a am," said the visitor, shaking him by atmosphere and brackish miasma-tainted water are extremely provocative. All emigrants and

Third and Eighth avenues, Instead of being confined to certain quarters, as one might imagine they would be, they crop out in the most frequented and fashionable parts of the metropolis.

They are not merely unsightly, they are very undesirable in proximity to private residences. Their emanations are reputed to be not unwholesome.

but they are unpleasant, and they draw flies like sugar-houses. Besides, the rolling in and out of all kinds of vehicles, the stamping of horses in their stalls all night, and the constant yelling of stable-boys and grooms, ar e not

what a private family would rank as an He was a saving man, with an eye on additional inducement to a neighborcould never expect for ice, rock, or land cost. The wender is why more farmers the main chance and the sidewalk. He hood. The multiplicity of stables is from any seaman on board-was kept, do not grow it, if not for morket at was walking down the street with sev- really a great objection to the city. It and the dogs were driven off at the mo- least for family use. Asparagus bears eral friends. He saw a bit of green is very difficult to buy or lease a house ment when victory seemed certain. Pea- shipping well, and coming as it does at paper in the slush. None of his com- to which a public stable is not contigusoup, broken biscuits, and slops of all a season when green things are in panions noticed it. He excused him- ous. Even Fifth avenue can not be kinds were given to the dainty animal, demand, finds a market wherever there self and stepped aside. The walk was kept clear of them; they exhale odors crowded with pedestrians. He kept his and make racket beside some of the share of the remains of the sailors' din- The soil adapted to asparagus grow- eye on the bit of green paper, which handsomest residences. Like vile ners he was scouted with derision. In ing is a deep, sandy loam. The prepa- ever and anon was stepped upon and weeds, they sprink up on every side, fact, the pig was the pet of the ship, and ration of a new bed requires special ground still further into the snow by and in the uninviting parts of town, the only thing worth navigating the care, much depending on gaining a fair the feet of the careless crowd. Visions where grog-shops and tenements Arctic sea for. Finding that he was un-comfortable under the top-gallant fore-trenching to a depth of two or three him. It might be a ten, it might be a stables, being full of drays, vans, castle, and liable to be disturbed by the feet, mixing each layer of soil as turned fifty, it might be a hundred-dollar bill. and trucks all night and much of the chain running out when anchoring, or over with two or three inches of well- A momentary opening in the crowd day. New York must move on wheels, the water coming in at the hawse-pipe rotted manure. For market purposes on enabled him to swoop down upon the it would be thought-the whole popuwhen at sea, a snug cask was found for a large scale deep and thorough pulver- treasure that was his by right of dis- lation must drive. It shows extravahim, and he was housed in with canvas ization by the plow and sub-soiler covery. He gobbled it up. If it proved gance in taste and custom, and a large

A Newfoundland young man, who

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