

Agriculture.

CUTTING TIMBER.—If oak, hickory or chesnut timber be felled in the eighth month, (August), in the second running of sap, and barked, quite a large tree will season perfectly, and even the twigs will remain sound for years; whereas, that cut in winter, and remaining until next fall, (as thick as one's wrist) will be completely sap-rotten and will be almost useless for any purpose. The body of oak split into rails, will not last more than 10 or 12 years. Chesnut will last longer, but no comparison to that cut in the eighth month.—Hickory cut in the eighth month is not subject to be worm eaten, and will last a long time for fencing.

When I commenced farming in 1802, it was the practice to cut timber for post-fencing in the winter. White-oak post black oak rails, cut at that time, I found would not last more than 10 or 12 years. In the year 1808, I commenced cutting fence timber in the eighth month. Many of the oak rails cut that year are yet sound, as well as most of those formed of chesnut. If the bark is not taken off this month, however, it will peel off itself the second or third year, and leave the sap perfectly sound. The tops of the trees are more valuable for fuel, when cut in the winter or spring. I advise young farmers to try the experiment for themselves, and if post-fence will not last twice as long, I forfeit all my experience as worthless.—N. Y. Herald.

BREEDING FROM BROKEN DOWN AND DISEASED MARES.—This not uncommon practice is one great cause why there are so many horses of unsound constitutions, so ready to break down or take on disease from overworking or other errors in management. True, a horse of the soundest and strongest constitution will break down under bad treatment—such treatment as it pains us to witness not unfrequently—but the produce of an old diseased mare will break down under bad treatment more readily than that of sound and healthy parentage. For example, it is well ascertained that broken wind can be propagated, when either sire or dam is affected with that disease; and that, when inherited in either case, there is a very high probability that when any produce of such diseased animals is set to work, it will soon become thick in the wind, and become broken winded at an early age. It is poor policy therefore, to breed from an old broken down or broken-winded mare. Better to shoot the old creature, and breed from a young and perfectly sound mother. The colts will be worth enough more to cover abundantly the difference in the cost.—Country Gentleman.

PERIODS OF GESTATION IN DOMESTIC ANIMALS.—It is frequently very important for farmers to know how long the different domestic animals go with their young. The following table is believed to be very exact:—

Mares,	11 months.	Bitch,	2 months.
Jennet,	11 "	Cat,	8 weeks.
Cow,	9 "	Rabbit,	41-2 "
Goat,	4 2-2 "	Rat,	51-2 "
Ewe,	5 "	Mouse,	41-2 "
Sow,	4 "	G'na Pig,	3 "

The period of incubation of Domestic Fowls is:—

Swan,	6 weeks.	Pea Hen,	4 weeks.
Turkey,	4 "	G'na Hen,	3 "
Goose,	4 "	Hen,	3 "
Duck,	4 "	Pigeon,	2 "

—Maine Farmer.

SOW YOUR WHEAT EARLY.—In view of the experience of late years with the weevil and Hessian fly, our farmers should be admonished of the importance of getting in their winter wheat early. It generally happens that the ravages of insects, as well as other plagues, have their day, and then for a time disappear. The surest protection against the wheat midge seems to be in a hardy variety of grain and an early ripening of the crop. For this purpose no variety of wheat has succeeded so well as the Mediterranean, both against the midge and fly—the latter on account of its strong stalk, by which it is kept from falling even when pierced by the little trooper. With early sowing and warm land the white blue stem may still maintain its popularity, but when it comes to a choice between dark wheat or none, the farmer shrewdly prefer the Mediterranean, even though it sells for sixpence less on a bushel.—Maine Farmer.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR RINGING SWINE.—Mr. Tubb, an English breeder of stock, has recommended a mode of dealing with these mischievous animals, which it is said may supersede the necessity of putting rings into their noses. It consists in simply shaving off with a razor or sharp knife the gristle on the top of the noses of young pigs. The place soon heals over; and the pigs are thus rendered incapable of rooting.

GREEN CORN PUDDING.—Take twelve ears of corn; cut the hull of each row with a sharp pointed knife, then with the back of the knife, scrape all the milk from the corn, leaving the hull on the cob; to this milk add one half teacup of good cream, three table-spoonfuls of flour three of sugar, one of butter, two eggs—stir well and bake the same as corn bread.—Iowa Farmer.

The Columbia (Ohio) State Journal says that there will be more grass cut this season in that County, than at any former period. Thousands of bushels of new wheat have been offered by the farmers in that County at \$1 per bushel, but the millers decline making contracts at that price.

TOMATO SAUCE.—Peel and slice twelve tomatoes, picking out the seeds; add three powdered crackers, pepper and salt to your taste; stew twenty minutes.

Items of News.

The Albany Transcript says it has recorded more than one murder a day for two months.

The steamer Cape May recently sank near Mount Vernon, Ind., and from 15 to 20 lives were lost.

The tolls of the Suspension Bridge were leased yesterday to Joseph Fairweather, Esq., for one year, for the sum of £1,660.—St. John Nbr.

The deaths in one week in New York are estimated at about 915, of which 226 have already been interred in one Roman Catholic Cemetery.

HAVANA.—At last advices the health of this city had improved. There is considerable political excitement in consequence of the revolution in Spain.

It is said that the army in Turkey is to be immediately augmented by the 10th Hussars, 52nd, and 43d regiments. The 14th Light Dragoons have received a hint that their services may be required at Varna.

A great Fire had occurred at New Orleans on the 5th, which destroyed twenty large stores.—The heat was intense, and several sun strokes occurred.

The "Flora" troop ship, put into Cork harbour on the 27th July, to take on board 150 men for Canada. This does not look like withdrawing the British troops from the North American colonies.

ENGLAND.—At present there are about fourteen militia regiments embodied and doing garrison duty. It is said that these corps will be in time relieved by others. It is also reported that there will be more militia regiments required for duty ere long.

At Marseilles, deaths from cholera are so frequent that correct returns cannot be made out. The deaths which were not registered on Friday last were 165.—Typhus fever, and what is called military fever, had also appeared at Toulon.

A young lady, attired in boys' clothes, was apprehended at Washington on Friday night, for going about the city under suspicious circumstances. It is supposed she escaped from Bishop Doane's Seminary at Princeton.

By a Card just issued by the British Consul, in Philadelphia, it is announced that all British subjects contributing to a loan raised on behalf of a sovereign at war with Great Britain, will be considered guilty of high treason.

The family of Mr. Carr, Philadelphia, heartily eat of veal and cucumbers on Wednesday evening, and before morning Mrs. Carr and a female relative residing in the family, died after a violent attack of cholera.

The Boston Traveller gives the story of a man in Boston, who was told by his landlord to clean up his cellar. The man refused, and since his refusal his wife and two children are dead, and he is sick in the cholera hospital.

As Mr. Hathaway Brightman of Fall River, was entering his house a few days since, carrying his little daughter in his arms, his foot slipped and he fell, throwing her head against a stone with such violence as to cause her death.

A citizen of Troy, N. Y., who aroused a partially intoxicated night policeman from a comfortable nap, and reprimanded him for his intoxication and drowsiness, was seized by the indignant star and marched off to the watch-house, where he was detained for the night.

The steamer Admiral has been got off and towed into Eastport. There is a large hole in her bottom, but it is thought she can be repaired. Her machinery has suffered very little damage except by water, and she will probably be placed upon the line again.—Nb.

SCOTLAND.—Cholera continues to rage with some severity in Glasgow; from Thursday to Sunday inclusive there were 40 cases and 17 deaths; but as these returns embrace only the pauper cases, they afford no indication of the prevalence of the disease which is raging among the upper classes to a considerable extent.

A DESPOTIC ACT.—The Roman catholic Bishop of Buffalo has excommunicated the trustees of the St. Louis church in that city, because they would not surrender the church property to his control, according to the arrogant demands of the Catholic church.—Am Paper.

AN OUTRAGEOUS ASSAULT.—At New York, a German named Hoofe, a physician, committed a most villainous outrage upon a fellow countryman named Batch, by throwing vitrol in his face. One of the poor man's eyes was destroyed, and the flesh of one side of his face was so badly burned that it dropped off into his hands.

AN OLD PRINTER.—Mr. Barth, printer, of Breslau has just celebrated the 350th anniversary of the first book printed in his establishment. This book is a German legend of some rank, and appeared in 1504. Mr. Barth's printing office is the oldest in Europe, and has been for 350 years uninterruptedly in the hands of his ancestors and himself.—Literary Gazette.

It is said that several persons are returning to the houses in Portland they had abandoned. In all cases, but particularly if any persons have died in the houses, they should take care to have them thoroughly cleansed and purified before they think of living in them again, as otherwise the risk they run will be awful.—St. John Freeman.

On Thursday last the President of the United States sent a message to Congress on the Cuba question, in which he says that Spain has made no reparation in the case of the Alack Warrior, and that instead of meeting the demand of the United States, the Spanish Government has merely attempted to justify the conduct of the local authorities of Cuba.—New Brunswicker.

Miscellany.

The steamer Governor arrived last evening and brought us late American papers.

These contain confused accounts of what appears to have been a dreadful "Know-Nothing" riot in St. Louis, which arose out of the elections, and lasted with little intermission from the afternoon of Monday, 7th, to the evening of Wednesday. Ten persons it is said were killed during this time and twenty seriously wounded. A meeting of citizens was called by the Mayor, and a special police force of 700 of the most respectable sworn in. By their exertions order was restored. The military were also under arms.

Fights occurred in various parts of the city, and nearly all attended with loss of life. Fire-arms were freely used on all sides. One of the military companies fired into a crowded alley, the inmates of the houses at the same time pouring a fire on the crowd below. Several of the military were wounded.

Inquests were held on the bodies of Messrs. Snyder, White, Farrington, Violet, and Leahy.—Others—names not known—were found dead.

It was believed that boys of from 15 to 20 years of age were instrumental in commencing the disturbance.—St. John Freeman.

FROM JAMAICA AND BARBADOES.—We have Kingston papers to the 22d of July. The news is unimportant. The cholera had made its appearance with little progress. Up to the 6th, there had been twenty deaths in Rio Bueno when the disease was subsiding.

Much excitement was caused in Jamaica by the announcement of the bombardment of Greytown. The papers are most extravagant in their denunciations and demands for redress.

The Kingston Journal states that a subscription has been raised in that city headed by his Excellency the Governor, for the relief of the suffering and poor inhabitants of Greytown, and that an amount bordering on £100 had already been received. The same paper of the 22nd, says:—"We are happy to learn that the cholera at Barbadoes has considerably abated, particularly at Bridgetown, but not without having carried off between 11,000 or 12,000 persons."—New Brunswick Reporter.

QUEER TEA.—Some sixty tons of Gunpowder Tea have been received in New York, from San Francisco. The Journal of Commerce says there is not the least smell or taste of tea about it, but in appearance it is the most complete imitation we ever saw. It is probably made of thin paper rolled in mud; but in weight, color, and peculiar shape of the leaf, and everything else but flavor, it cannot be distinguished from the genuine article.—Even the little bits of broken stones seen in samples of gunpowder tea, are animated to the life—apparently from the same material. Once mixed with genuine tea, the adulteration could hardly be discovered; and it may be well for dealers to keep a look-out as to the disposal of this invoice.

A SPIDER'S WEB.

On stepping out of the house, my attention was attracted by a spider's web covering the whole of a large lemon tree nearly. The tree was oval, and well shaped; and the web was thrown over it in the most artistic manner, and with the finest effect. Broad flat cords were stretched out, like the cords of a tent, from its circumference to the neighboring bushes; and it looked as if some genius of the lamp, at the command of its master, had exhausted taste and skill to cover with this delicate drapery the rich looking fruit beneath. I think the web would have measured full ten yards in diameter.—Herdon's Valley of the Amazon.

The trial of Mr. Martin, of Cape Breton, for shooting Mr. Dodd who first seduced and then refused to marry his daughter, has resulted in a verdict of acquittal; although we learn that some point has been reserved for the consideration of the Government. We profess not to prescribe the sentiments of others; but in our opinion every man of the jury is entitled to the thanks of his country.

It is calculated that there will be twenty-one thousand miles of railway in operation in the United States upon the first day of January next.—The longest railway upon the surface of the globe is the Illinois Central, which is 731 miles in length, and is rapidly approaching completion.

A droll fellow who had a wooden leg, being in company with a man who was somewhat credulous, the latter asked the former how he came to have a wooden leg. "Why," said he, "my father had one, and so had my grandfather before him; it runs in the blood."

Lord Holland told of a man, remarkable for absence of mind, who, dining once on a shabby repast with a friend, fancied himself in his own house, and began to apologize for the wretchedness of the dinner.

Six months have elapsed since the European allies took the field against Russia, and the first shot has been fired only recently. A Vienna correspondent of the London Times says this is the reason why Austria has not taken a more active part.

The public health is almost restored in St. John the victims to the cholera being reported in all to be nearly a thousand.

The harvesting is now in progress along the river, and a better one cannot well be imagined. The season is all that would be desired.

Campbell once said: "I am apt to believe that when a young man talks of his going to sea, he must feel himself disposed to do no good on land."

Our Chip-Basket.

"What sort of a man does a lady most prefer?—D'ye give it up?" "A husband man?"

"Tommy, how's all your folks?" "All well, but Growler. He's got the bow-wow-el complaint."

Before you commit suicide take a cold bath.—What people term despair is very often dirt.

If we all had windows to our breasts, what a demand there would be for blinds?

FUNNY.—To attempt to break up a love match by shutting up the girl and abusing the lover.

There are minds, as well as streets, that want draining.

The farmer whose pigs got so lean that they would crawl through the cracks of their pen, stopped their "fun" by tying knots in their tails.

A paper near east, says the reader will see some errors on its first page, which he will please to overlook.—Am. Paper.

At Mackinaw, the year is divided into two seasons, "six months Winter, and six months cold weather."

Why are Printers' accounts like faith? D'ye give it up? Because they are "the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen."

A LOVE OF A PLACE.—It is said the little town of Meredith, in Illinois, is inhabited chiefly by fever and ague, mosquitoes and fleas, with an occasional straggling moccasin snake or porcupine.

A negro being caught stealing from a hen-roost excused himself by saying, "Dat be only came dar to see if de chickens sleep wid dar eyes open."

ALARMING.—The "black tongue" has made its appearance in Boston. The physicians attribute the alarming inroads of this disease to an extraordinary fondness for berries!

Somebody once said figures can't lie—there is a mistake somewhere, for if figures don't sometimes lie, it is certain those do who often make figures.

The man who courted an investigation, says it is not so good as an affectionate girl. We expect not!—Ex.

How d'ye know?

A California paper gives the following as the best title to a lot in San Francisco: "A shanty, and yourself in it, with a revolver. If the title needs confirmation, blow somebody's brains out."

If your sister while engaged in tender conversation with her sweetheart, requests you to bring her a glass of water from the adjoining room you can start on your errand, but you need not return. You will not be missed.

A spanish proverb says—"Never argue with a woman or buy drugs from a boy," which is a useful caution, the former being apt to mistake loquacity for logic, and the latter oxalic acid for Epsom salts.

Those who frequently indulge in the passion of anger, should keep calm during these hot days.—If they allow themselves to be ruffled, they may get puckered up!

A journeyman tailor has achieved the following:—"Why are pantaloons like wells?" Give it up, eh?"

"Why because they have spring bottoms."

"Is your note good?" asked a woodman the other day, of a person who offered a note for a load of maple.

"Well," replied the purchaser, "I should think it ought to be; everybody's got one."

A lady walking with her husband on the beach enquired of him the difference between exportation and transportation. "Why, my dear," replied he, "if you were on board yonder vessel, you would be exported and I should be transported."

"Julius, why didn't you oblong your stay at de Spring?"

"Kase, Mr. Snow, dey charge too much."

"How am dat, Julius?"

"Why, de lanlord charge dis collord individual with stealin' the spoons."

Everything depends upon starting well in the world—whether in business, matrimony, horse-dealing or what not. Let the wrong foot be put forward, and one has no more chance for success than a Hottentot has for the Presidency of the U. States.

A gentleman by the name of Slaughter, living near Montgomery, Ala., being subpoenaed as a witness in a case pending in the Circuit Court, and being about to marry a Miss Lamb, writes to the Court that he "cannot attend as a witness for this Court, as he expects to "Slaughter a Lamb" next Sunday."

ONE OF THE CRAFT.—The editor of the Pittsburg Post was determined to show his compositors that type-setting was not such a difficult art after all. Here is his first attempt, which is certainly very creditable to a new beginner:—

This is our first effort at typesetting. we presume that it will show that we can learn fast. we are self-taught too. We want no help we will have it right without assistance. The proof will need no correction, we don't intend to try it every day; but we will let the printers know that we are one of them. talk about the ART of drinking!! It is Just as eas as rolling off a log.