

HARVARD

News Items.

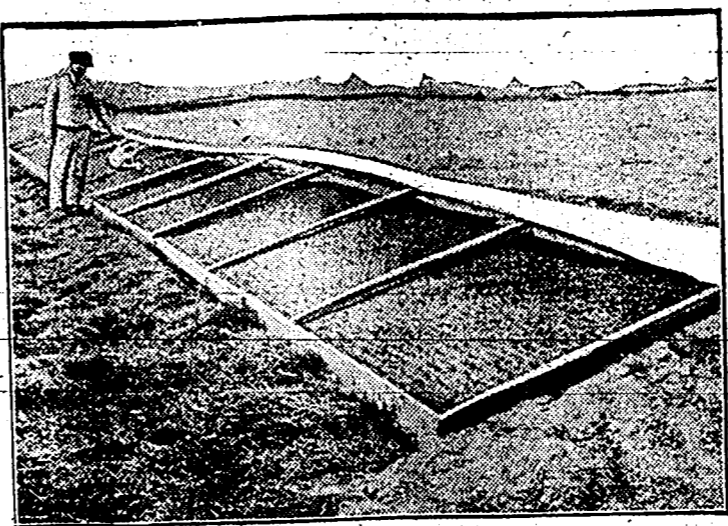
After several months of ill health Miss Anna Kerley passed to a higher life on Sunday afternoon. She was aged 71 years, 5 months and 11 days. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning from St. Mary's church in Ayer. Rev. T. P. McGinn in charge of the services. Burial was in the family lot at St. Mary's cemetery. With the death of Miss Kerley the community has lost a woman of splendid character, whose ever failing pleasantness will long be recalled, and in this bereavement the remaining members of the family have the sympathy of the townspeople sincerely tendered them. Miss Kerley has been a life-long resident here and one of the largest circle of friends throughout the eastern part of this state. She leaves two sisters, Elizabeth and Jennie, and a brother, William Kerley.

LITTLETON

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A very good likeness of Dr. Nehemiah Boston, captain of the 11th Regiment, National Guard, and the names of the Congregational and Adventist churches, is being prepared by the people of the Congregational church and parish for the second time on Sunday morning. As a choice in character, it probably will be made soon, and will be a large, elegant, and very essential general satisfaction, and will express a tribute to that purpose.

STARTING PLANTS OF CERTAIN CROPS BEFORE DANGER OF FROST HAS PASSED



Cold Frame With Cloth Cover, Suitable for Growing Plants Not Requiring Warmth of a Hotbed.

In most sections of the South it is desirable to start plants of certain crops before the danger of frost has passed. The simplest method of starting a limited number of plants is by means of a shallow box in a south window of the dwelling. After the plants appear, the box should be turned each day, to prevent the plants drawing toward the light. A more satisfactory method of starting plants is by means of hotbeds or cold frames. A hotbed 8 feet by 8 feet will be large enough for the average-sized garden and can be constructed rather cheaply. In the colder regions of the South some form of heat should be supplied. Fresh manure from the horse stable will be found satisfactory for this purpose.

DRAINAGE FOR SWAMP LANDS

Large Tracts Can Be Made to Grow Crops and Meat Animals to Feed Thousands of Soldiers. (From the United States Department of Agriculture.) Large tracts of wet land varying in area from a few hundred to thousands of acres in many states in the humid regions, which now produce little or nothing aside from timber, can be made to grow sufficient crops and meat animals to feed thousands of soldiers, if properly drained. These areas are frequently capable of producing exceptionally good crops, the soil is productive, and only for lack of drainage are prevented from being profitable to their owners and an asset to the nation. In almost every tract of this kind there are usually a few owners who feel that the land could be drained to great advantage and that a few crops produced on the reclaimed area would pay all the expenses of a drainage system, but too frequently there are other land owners who object to the plan.

RAISE MORE POULTRY

Help Uncle Sam by raising more poultry and eggs. Uncle Sam wants you to double the production of poultry and eggs next season. Will you do your bit? Are you doing your share to encourage the production of 6,300,000,000 pounds of eggs that will be needed next season? Eat more poultry and eggs and help to win the war. Hatch your chicks earlier, better getting matured birds. The mature pullet lays the most eggs. Produce infertile eggs and save \$15,000,000 worth of food.

FIELD PEA AS FORAGE CROP

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FARMERS ARE SOIL ROBBERS

Those Who Formerly Raised Cattle, Sheep and Hogs Are Now Selling Off Grain Crops. Thousands of farmers in our richest agricultural regions who were at one time growers of good cattle, sheep and hogs are becoming soil robbers. The high price of grain is tempting them to sell instead of feed out the crops.

GET STRAW BACK ON FIELDS

It Contributes Largely to Formation of Humus, Necessary for Continuous Crops. Be sure and get all the straw back on the farm either in the form of manure or spread out over the fields with a straw spreader. It makes humus and that is what the farmer is after if he is to continue harvesting crops.

Relax If You Would Sleep

The philosopher Hegel finished his principal work on the eve of the battle of Jena, amidst the thunder of cannon. Noise, instead of interfering with conscious thinking, produces an incentive to thought. If you keep too vigorous an attention on your ideas, after you compose yourself for sleep; if you maintain an emotional element or any feelings with them, you will be awake or have only fitful sleep.

Lines to Be Remembered

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds, brothers and sisters, sunsets and rainbows, but only one mother in all the wide world.—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

Stained Glass.

In making stained glass windows, a very bit of the work is done by hand. It is amazing to realize how many such a piece of glass must be handled. An operator tells of counting one day and finding that no less than 12 times were necessary. All the lead work is done by hand, too, and the opening of the little slots into which the glass is fastened.

Musk a Chinese Monopoly.

Musk is one product of world commerce in which China practically enjoys a monopoly—not a large one, because since the annual output is but only some \$400,000 gold, but the profit itself is worth many times its value in silver, and that matter, gold as well, in these days of high exchange, says the Far Eastern Review, Chungking.

To Remove Discolorations.

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A Golden Girl

By Frances Elizabeth Layton

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It was a desolate appearing studio, hating of a past more opulent, but the room was practically bare of embellishment, the fireplace was empty, upon the table was a half-loaf of bread and a jug of water. "Where now?" inquired Ward Elster, who was striding the room to keep warm, an expression of discontent and discouragement on his face.

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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of VERNAL BARBER late of Townsend in said County, deceased: I, JAMES E. GRIFFIN, do hereby certify that a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ABIE A. BARBER of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

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Higher Mathematics

One day during my grandson's third year I gave him several pieces of candy to divide with his little playmate, Virginia, says a contributor to an exchange. When he came to the house I asked him if he divided his candy with Virginia, and this was his reply: "Yes, grandma, I gave Virginia one piece and took one myself; then I gave her another piece and took another for myself, then there was one piece left and I ate that. Then we both had two pieces."

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AMERICAN BOSTON, MASS. A minute from service of subway cars... RATHSKELLER

SHIRLEY CASH MARKET ALWAYS ON HAND WITH A FRESH SUPPLY OF BEEF PORK VEAL LAMB

H. Huebner Florist Groton, Mass. Greenhouses near Groton School FRANK T. SWEET, C. E.

Ayer Variety Store HAS THE LARGEST STOCK OF CAMP DEVENS and AYER VIEW CARDS

Ayer Variety Store DENTISTRY The per-capita consumption of sugar for 1917, according to the Department of Agriculture, was the largest in the history of the department, despite the serious sugar shortage of the latter part of the year.

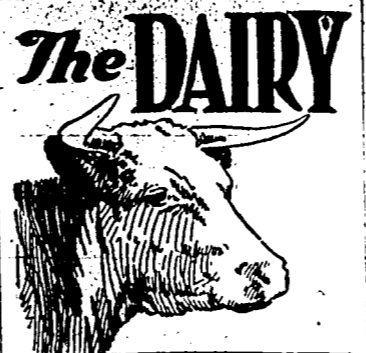
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On the Mountain By Susan E. Claggett

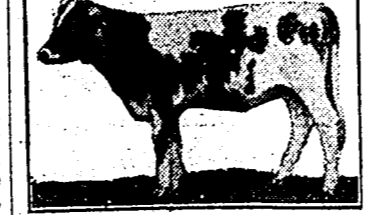
From the railroad a faint path stretched upward to a cabin high on the mountain above Horseshoe Bend. The same path continued downward to a cluster of houses, broadened into a narrow road, and came to a full stop before a rough porch, upon which several men were seated in varying degrees of comfort.

pretty ladies don't climb the mountain. "She looks real, daddy. Shall I pinch her and find out?" "I wouldn't. I'll come and find out for myself."



BREEDING AGE FOR HEIFERS

Time Depends Largely on Development and Season of Year—Cool Season is Favored. The age at which heifers should freshen depends largely upon their development and the season when it is desired to have most of the cows freshen.



Splendid Dairy Heifer.

client growth so that heifers may probably be bred to freshen at two years of age. It is seldom desirable for a heifer to freshen at an earlier age.

ADDING VARIETY TO RATION

Feeding Alfalfa Hay Before Cattle Run on Pasture is Especially Good in Avoiding Bloat. (By R. H. WILLIAMS, Animal Husbandman, Arizona Experiment Station.) Stockmen have proved to their own satisfaction that it pays to have some alfalfa hay before cattle run on alfalfa pasture.

CAUSE OF DISEASED UDDERS

Bitter Taste and Rancid Smell in Milk Traced to One Cow in Herd—Cases of Sore Throat. Dairymen have occasionally been puzzled by a bitter taste and rancid smell in milk, produced under sanitary conditions. It has been found that such conditions can arise from one cow in the herd with a diseased udder and a bacterium has been isolated as the immediate cause in the milk.

MUST RAISE DAIRY CALVES

To Increase Number of Cows It is Advisable That Farmers Begin Raising Their Own. If we are to increase the number of cows, as seems advisable, some farmers must raise calves of the dairy type. It is hoped that many farmers will decide to begin raising cows and producing dairy products.

AVOID FILTH IN CALF PENS

Important That Young Animal Have Clean Stall and Dry Bedding—Dirt Breeds Disease. Many of the troubles that the calves of this country are heir to can be traced directly to unclean surroundings. The calf should have a clean, dry stall, clean pens from which to eat and clean, dry bedding all the time.

The Strong and Weak

The brave and bold persist even against fortune; the timid and cowardly rush to despair through fear alone.—Tactius. Care of the Canary. Don't forget to give the canary a fresh bit of green every now and then; also that too much hemp seed makes him fat.

Spanish Pronunciations. The Goths, an ancient Germanic, barbaric people, pronounced like moths; Moors, inhabitants of Morocco, pronounced like boors; manilla, a city of Spain, pronounced Van-ya-dolee, accent on last syllable; Cervantes, Spanish novelist, author of "Don Quixote," pronounced Thair-vontace, accent on second syllable.

Cleaning Silver

A quick way to clean silver that is not tarnished is merely to dip it in a weak solution of ammonia water. This removes the black stains. After cleaning them with the solution they should be washed and polished with a cloth.

Goat Immune to Dynamite

A western household was terrified recently by the discovery that their pet goat had eaten two sticks of dynamite. The animal was carefully driven to a safe distance and tethered to a stake. But days and weeks elapsed and the goat did not explode.

Five O'clock Tea Fiend

Allce Hyson is dreadfully absent-minded. And she goes to church so seldom that last Sunday when the contribution plate was passed she said to the usher: "Not any more, thank you."—Boston Transcript.

Three Hands

One of our famous lecturers used to say some people had three hands, a right hand and a left hand and a little behindhand. The fifth wheel to a cart is frequently mentioned as an example of uselessness, but the third hand is worse than useless, it is a serious handicap, observes a writer.

To Mend Marble Ornaments

To mend marble ornaments, plaster of Paris, finely powdered, is soaked in as much saturated solution of alum as it will absorb. The mixture is baked in a slow oven, and when hard it is ground to a powder. This powder, mixed in water and applied like plaster, sets very hard, will take a very good polish, and, if properly colored, makes a capital imitation of any kind of marble.

Gaza, a Place of Trade

In almost every particular the modern Gaza is an Egyptian rather than a Syrian town. It is full of rich vegetation, and its many glistening minarets show up against the dull green of Innunumerable olive trees. Gaza is still, as of old, a place of trade, of caravans, and its bazaars are loud with traffic and filled with merchandise.

Songs of the Heart

The finest music of the greatest orchestra on earth cannot help a heart along to happiness as the songs do that the heart sings to itself—songs of cheer, of patience, of trust, of unselfish love. These make the melody of life, and grow stronger and sweeter by practice year by year.—Exchange.

Little Angel Present

A primary teacher, admonishing little Ann, who usually was a model child for misconduct, said: "I thought I had a little angel in the room. Now where is she?" Little Betty, on the other side of the room, stood up meekly and shyly answered: "Here I is."

Who Gets the Kiss?

"Since you worked your examples so nicely," said the pretty teacher, "I shall give you a kiss." "Teacher, I didn't know there was to be a reward," responded the honest urchin. "It's only fair to tell you that my big brother did them same."—Life.

Cake Annoyed Him

Ernie, who is just beginning to learn to cook, had not cake before his meal was started at the table when suddenly he saw a cake on the buffet and remarked: "Oh, my! Tover up dat take till I eat my tatoes."

The Moment of Triumph

One never knows when he has won in an argument until he hears his own views advanced by the man who opposed them six months before.—St. Louis Globe-Tribune.

Fools the Pickpockets

An automatic snapping device prevents a wallet hanging from a man's pocket and exempts the pickpockets who do not know how it is operated.

Flames That Give Off No Heat

A French scientist, who is keeping the details of his plans he has invented flames that give off no heat, but will give off light.

Flames With No Valves

For pumps and valves a Welsh inventor has patented a combined piston and valve pump with no valves that can not be clogged.

Cause of Apoplexy

Despite the fact that medical men look upon apoplexy as nine-tenths pre-disposition, the courts and laity have at times regarded it as almost traumatic in its nature.

SHIRLEY New Items. The senior Girl Scouts of this town Tuesday evening in the high school room... Mrs. E. H. Johnson of Boston was a guest Sunday at her parents' home...

Deaths. The many friends of Miss Mary S. York will deeply regret her death which occurred early Monday morning at the home of Mrs. Ida Brooks...

Center. Mrs. George Holden is in Littleton, caring for her sister, Mrs. Thomas Moore, who is very ill... The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church met last week Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Richard Pomeroy.

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