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A vast amount of labor is lost in this world by people being in haste.

Riticle is a most cruel and dangerous remedy for any fault or failing.

There is a capacity in every man and woman, though it may often lie latent to draw happiness from life in its various phases.

What surgical science will, in the future, undertake cannot be predicted. The successful building up and reorganization of noses, eyelids and other features is an every day occurrence.

The main obstacle, of course, to reform in the country schools is the want of money. The Maryland system, by which the stronger communities help the weak, seems, however, to have overcome this.

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Gold is light. No man ever complains of the weight of it. But morally bless your heart, it is no easy matter accumulating that species of wealth.

Some fashionable amateurs were once gathered in front of a picture by a famous painter of a lot of pigs smiling butternut from a trough.

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Chaco Clusters of Crap Collings Condensed from Daily Reports.

BACKYOUND-UPS RENDERED READABLE.

A Bare Summary of Items of Interest Gathered from Every Portion of the State.

Tioga is on a boom. Bowie has been incorporated. Aransas will pave her streets. Martin will have a newspaper. Lancaster is to have a large gin. Wylie is to have an opera house. Seguin has sold her school bonds. Wheat around Merick looks well. Tioga parties will build a fire hotel. A lumber yard is assured for Tioga. A building boom has struck Lufkin. Oats look well in Kaufman county. San Antonio is to have a new bank. Pittsburg will soon have a wagon factory. Work has commenced on the levy at Clint. There is not a vacant residence in Cameron. A canning factory is being built at Rockdale. A new bank has been opened at Rockwall. The peach crop in McLennan county is all right. The new jail at Bastrop is nearing completion. The new jail at Guthrie is nearing completion. A new oil mill for Corsicana is now a certainty. Cotton planting has begun in Kaufman county. Crude petroleum has been discovered at Laredo. Firebugs are attempting to wipe out San Antonio. The water mains at Cleburne are being extended. The Abilene country has been visited by fine rains. The new bank at Jefferson has begun business. The public park at San Saba is being improved. The Madison county jail has but one occupant. Several new residences are going up at Dimmit. Fannin county farmers are busy planting corn. The crop outlook around Corsicana is very bright. Oats and corn are doing well in Young county. Work will soon begin on the oil mill at Dublin. Decatur has received over 17,000 bales of cotton. A public park project is being discussed at Wylie. The new church at Ingersoll has been completed. In Cooke county wheat and oats are in fine condition. Crops around Bellevue are in excellent condition. Electric lights have been assured for Wichita Falls. Farmers report crops in the Duffin county excellent. The telephone system of Galveston is being extended. The oat crop around Wortham is in splendid condition. A Knights of Pythias lodge has been organized at Bosk. A system of sewerage is being discussed at Palestine. Childs has secured a large roller flouring mill. Stock in the vicinity of Sterling City are doing well. The Cotton Belt route is building new shops at Tyler. New houses are going up in every portion of Cleburne. Valuable clay has been discovered near Corpus Christi. The Honey Grove artesian well is now down 1465 feet. A coffin factory is among the latest enterprises at Tyler. A handsome stone church is being erected at Kerrville. The Episcopal rectory at Kerrville has been completed. A magnificent bank building is being erected at Llano. Negro crap shooters are being rounded up at Cuero. The streets of Deport are being graded and graveled. A. J. Bullard has been jailed at Taylor for counterfeiting. A little girl was bitten by a mad dog at Sherman, recently. A recent fine rain gave Clay county abundant stock water. Crop prospects in the Abilene country were never better. Work is progressing rapidly on the new hotel at Cameron. The new Presbyterian church at Quintana is completed. The new Baptist church at Santo will soon be completed. Work has commenced on the electric light plant at Jefferson. Small grain in the vicinity of Carrollton looks promising. Burleson county boasts of the finest crop prospects for years. Heinrich Danenberg recently suicided at Fredericksburg. Work on the Velasco real estate exchange is being pushed. Crops are suffering from dry weather in Nueros county. Blossom was recently visited by a terrific rain and hail storm. A school building to cost \$5000 is being erected at Midlothian. Mrs. Mary Newberry, who married her three grandchildren, has

HOME AND FOREIGN.

Gleanings from Crime's Calendar Served to Suit the General Rush.

SERIOUS AND SENSATIONAL SORTINGS.

Foreign Flashes Across the Wave With Late News from Other Lands.

A building boom has struck Port Tampa, Fla. Vice-President Morton will run for re-nomination. Fifty deaths are reported from the Kansas cyclone. The World's fair managers expect to clear \$11,000,000. When completed the World's fair will cost \$34,000,000. The Alabama Sims gang has made war upon all preachers. LaCrosse Wis., carpenters have struck for higher wages. Canada's appropriation for the World's fair is \$150,000. Tin is reported to have been found near Chattanooga, Tenn. Indian police at Sisseton killed two land-hunters the other day. In a recent fire at Fort Madison Ia., nine persons lost their lives. The Indiana state building at the World's fair will cost \$37,000. Much counterfeit paper money is in circulation at Birmingham, Ala. Four desperate moonshiners have been captured near Pineville, Ky. Workmen in seventy-one cities will demand an eight-hour day May 2. Silver mines in Colorado continue to close down because of low prices. Mrs. Barbara Brouty is in jail at New York for a debt she does not owe. Five men were fatally hurt by a locomotive explosion at Long Island recently. At Millersburg, Ohio, the other day, a mob hanged the only negro in the county. Missouri crop prospects are reported good as to fruit and poor as to wheat. Six persons at Rochester, N. Y., recently went down with a falling bridge. Theodore Markham was killed the other day at Red Lick, Ky., by Clabe Smith. Daniel Elston, the son of a Chicago banker, has been arrested for robbing the mails. Quay is still opposed to Harrison and is scheming to prevent his re-nomination. The recent suicide of a Michigan anarchist cut off a plan for wholesale dynamiting. Women voted at Bloomington, Ill., the other day for school officers for the first time. Forty thousand people witnessed the recent launching of the cruiser Raleigh of Norfolk, Va. A cyclone passed through Barnhill, Ill., recently and left only three houses standing. John Conderman living near Carthage, Ill., was recently kicked to death by a horse. James Ketcham shot and fatally wounded James Huddleston at Hamilton, O., recently. Various office-holders in the diplomatic service are coming home to work for Harrison. Late reports show that thirteen lives went down with the steamer Golden Rule at Cincinnati. Ten suicides occurred in San Francisco during March, the greatest number since last July. Four men were killed by an explosion in a dynamite factory at Bessemer, Ala., recently. A Cincinnati girl has refused to marry a count because he would not become an American. The investigation into Pennsylvania's reformatory has revealed cruel methods of punishment. Chinamen in America have petitioned their country for retaliation against the United States. W. C. Favor, a well-known citizen of Memphis, Tenn., committed suicide a few days ago by shooting. Horace Anthony, assistant cashier of the First National bank at Kasson, Mo., has committed suicide. John Leets shot at his father-in-law, missed, and was himself killed in Miller county, Mo., recently. Hugh Mulholland, ex-postmaster of Paducah Ky., has been convicted of extracting a registered letter. Will Grauel of Circleville, O., committed suicide, a few days ago, by taking a heavy dose of laudanum. R. H. Taylor, a Mississippi legislator, is mixed up in the disappearance of a girl. He is married. Four skeletons of Indians were discovered in a mound near Marshall, Mo., recently, through a dream. A recent cyclone at Olson, N. Y., destroyed many buildings, killed a woman and injured many others. At Fayette, Mo., recently, Bud Proctor, white, was killed by Albert Nash, a negro, who was captured. Almost \$1,000,000 in forged paper, bearing John Huntington's name, is said to be held by different banks. About \$10,000 worth of tickets were recently stolen from the Union Pacific railroad company's office at Omaha. James T. Sutherland fell on a saw at Hardy, Ark., a few days ago, and his head was severed from his body. Patti's famous hairless dog is dead. The diva asked Nicolini to sing to him; he obeyed and the dog expired. James Moran, a policeman of Charlotte N. C., was recently killed by a negro whom he was trying to arrest. It is reported that Jay Gould is engineering a scheme to carry the Missouri Pacific through to the ocean. John D. Woolery, who has served eight terms for horse stealing, has been adjudged insane at St. Joseph, Mo. The Bardsley investigation commit-

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

HOW TO RAISE A ROOT CROP TO ADVANTAGE.

A Blessing to Farmers—Corn Fodder for Sheep—Large or Small Bones in Figs—Stock Notes and Household Hints.

The Root Crop.

Many farmers should learn the importance of a good root crop, and raise it. There is nothing much more valuable in connection with hay and ensilage for feeding than a good crop of turnips or mangold wurzels. It has been demonstrated that they can be grown for the low price of about six cents per bushel. Besides, the leaves of these crops in the fall for feeding, when sowed corn is gone and meadows are very valuable. Some of the secrets of growing these crops are things which have heretofore stood in the way of growing them. I will mention so that all farmers who desire may have the advantage of the blessing conferred by these crops. One of the first things and the most injurious in the way of raising these crops is the trouble from weeds. This can be remedied usually, best in the fall before plowing your land early, or if it has been plowed the year before a good cultivating perhaps will do; harrow it down finely, this gives a fine seed-bed, and in a short time all of the weed seeds will start to grow. Then harrow again and kill them all, and by the time they start a second time, and get a good harrowing, and are exposed during the winter, there will not be many of them left. Good manure of course is a necessity for growing a good root crop, and the Country Gentleman, if barnyard dung is used, and is coarse, I should plow it under, but if it was well rotted it would probably be best to cultivate it in on top. But it sometimes occurs that farmers have not sufficient barnyard dung. When this is the case what to rely on is super-phosphate, and this should be put on in the drills at from 800 to 1,000 pounds to the acre. The roots should be sowed in drills at 2 1/2 feet apart. A very important thing about sowing and one about which a good many make a mistake is this. In seasons when the ground is dry they go on and work it and in this way it becomes dried out. A streak of this dry ground will become covered over with this moist soil, the seeds are then sown, they germinate, their roots come in contact with this dry earth, it does not rain, and they refuse to grow. Now if the farmer, after sowing his seed, had waited two weeks or so, this dry ground by capillary attraction would become damp from the moisture underneath. Then if he had sowed his seed upon this moist seed-bed he would have had a good crop. After the seed is sown, most of the work can be done by cultivator, except for men passing through the rows and cutting out the distances between the plants to about 15 inches, and finally weeding. If well cultivated, and the soil good, the crop might reasonably be expected to produce from 800 to 1,000 bushels to the acre, which is easily harvested. The common ruta-baga, or Swedish turnip, is the best for winter use, and should be sown earliest. The white or yellow turnips are sown next, but used first as the former is the better keeper. There are several varieties of mangold wurzels—long red and yellow, and the red and yellow globes. I consider the globes the best as they are the hardiest, and also more nutritious. The mangolds should be sown early—sooner than the ground is in proper condition. About two pounds of ruta-baga seed will answer per acre, and about four pounds of mangolds. Cornfodder for sheep. I have more than once talked with farmers who considered it little less than cruel to feed sheep on fodder and force them to eat it, declaring that if they could not find hay enough for their flocks they would quit the business. Some have candidly admitted that they never had tried it while others said they had given their flocks a feed or two, and seeing they did not eat it, they tried it no more but had recourse to the old standby. There are people who are just as unreasonable about sheep in relation to eat certain articles of diet. Most of the poorer classes of Europe, and even the rich and intelligent ones, will go hungry before they will eat Indian corn, which they sneer at as "horse feed." After being two centuries and a half on this continent, the Anglo Saxon race does not yet appreciate this great cereal and its forage at its full value, and among the non-appreciative ones are the farmers who, because sheep decline to eat fodder at the outset, think it is an abuse and a shame to force them to do so. On the Muskingum river bottoms the regular price for cornfodder is ten cents a shock, whether this contains 60, 80, or 100 hills. The farmers are taking better care of it than they used to do, but ten years ago if I could have had the fodder that was wasted uncut or poorly shocked in the state of Ohio every year had fed to good straight wethers I could have made \$100,000 a year on the sheep. Of course sheep do not like fodder as well as they do fine hay, at first, and perhaps they never do. I never saw a child that liked oatmeal as well as it did white wheat bread, but no well-informed parent will hesitate a moment as to his preference for their child's good, for there is simply no comparison between these two articles of diet in their value for building up bone, muscle and blood for the growing child. So I contend that fodder is better than any kind of hay except clover for promoting growth and health in a flock of sheep. I would to-day, if I had no feed for sheep except clean timothy hay and corn, give the timothy ton for ton to first-class cornfodder, cut green, notwithstanding the stalks would be a waste. It takes some work to feed fodder to sheep right. It will not do to throw it broadcast in the yard to be run over, or even to feed it out with any system in racks giving the flock at once all they need for the whole day. If thrown out in quantities they must and breathe over it

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Household Hints.

Apply equal parts lime water, olive oil and glycerine to burns. Waxweed blossoms steeped in alcohol are an excellent substitute for arnica. The yolk of an egg very slightly cooked is excellent food for a patient suffering with jaundice. A great relief to suffering from quinsy is to gargle the throat with hot water as can be borne. To make an excellent liniment, take three ounces each of tincture of opium, camphorated oil and soap liniment. A teaspoonful of whole black mustard seed will soothe. In severe cases a tablespoonful may be given. Orange peel tea sweetened with loaf sugar and used as a common drink for two or three days will cure chronic diarrhoea. Oiled silk placed over the chest in cases of pleurisy and pneumonia brings speedy relief and prevents danger from cold. Mica windows in stoves when they become blackened, should be taken out and laid in vinegar for a little while. The black can then be easily removed by the use of a rag. A splendid liniment for rheumatism is one pint of alcohol to which has been added one tablespoonful of pulverized poplar and a lump of gum camphor the size of a walnut. To make shellac varnish, put the shellac in a bottle and cover it with 90 per cent alcohol. Keep in a warm room and shake it occasionally. If at the end of that time the shellac is not all dissolved add a little more alcohol. This is good to use to varnish almost anything and will dry in half an hour. Stock Notes. The earlier the maturity the better the profit. Scours is an indication of indigestion in some form. The right time to feed cattle is when they want something to eat. Too much grain is more detrimental to breeding stock than not enough. Under present conditions it requires the best of management to feed cattle with profit. In fattening cattle feed at regular hours, and in quantities sufficient for the purpose. Desirable breeding qualities are fixed in a herd by a long line of careful selection and breeding. With cattle as with hogs, the time for the low growth and long maturity animal is past, if it is considered. Allowing the cattle to get filthy greatly increases the risks of vermin; keep clean, comfortable and thrifty. The farmer that is breeding and feeding cattle for market needs nothing so much as good permanent pastures. If scrub cattle do not pay try raising something better; have a breed adapted to the purpose for which the stock is kept. When cattle are kept to maturity make sure of a good supply of hay, even if it is necessary to sow millet or Hungarian to make up the supply. With the advantage of cheap pasture the Western farmer ought to be able to compete with the Eastern farmer in raising cattle for market. To a very considerable extent it is the production of a low grade of cattle and the sending to market in a poor, immature condition that injures the cattle business. With growing stock, whether fed on dry feed or given the run of a pasture, if only sufficient is given to maintain life it is so much waste, and in addition in a majority of cases, the animal is stunted. It is a young, quick growing steer that pays and it should be marketed as soon as it reaches that point at which the greatest profit is obtained. But even a scrub steer can be made to grow faster, and in a majority of cases, to return a better profit if more care is taken to secure a steady growth.

