

### American Merino Sheep.

When the first prizes for Merino sheep were awarded to American Merinos at the International Exposition at Hamburg, all Europe was astonished. The Yankee sheep took the prizes over the best flocks of Europe, and they could not understand it. After the first surprise was over, the European sheep-growers, at the close of the exhibition, did the best possible thing—they purchased the American Merinos, or "Vermont Merinos," as they were generally called, for the improvement of their flocks, at what was then an unusual price. The American Merinos are the result of several importations, made early in the present century from Spain, and included animals from the Paular, Infantado, Negretti, and other celebrated flocks, regarded as the finest in Spain. Of these early importations, some were lost sight of, or "run out," through careless breeding. Others were bred with great care, and by crossing with other pure flocks, under our climate and with no doubt better feeding, they gradually developed, perhaps unintentionally on the part of the breeders, into a distinct family of the Merinos now known as the American. The superiority of the American over the best European families of Merinos is shown, in the first place, in its greater size and weight. While the rams of the most noted of the Spanish flocks range from sixty to one hundred pounds—this last weight rarely reached—the American Merino rams run to one hundred and twenty pounds, and upward to one hundred and eighty pounds. These large weights are accompanied by shorter neck and legs, and increased width of loin and, what is most important, a great increase in the weight of fleece. Some flocks have averaged ten pounds of washed wool, and individual rams have greatly exceeded this weight.

From my knowledge of authors—nearly all of whom are poor—I am satisfied that a writer, to do justice to himself, can only succeed to his own satisfaction by being possessed of at least a moderate competence, sufficient to relieve him of the care consequent upon his having to write for a living. Most authors write that they may live, and, at times, with a love they cherish in behalf of pet ideas and sentiments, and to satisfy their own ambition.

"With competence, an author can give his whole soul to the work. He can give all the time and pure thought essential to the proper application of genius and a brilliant mind to a successful literary career.

"Young men with a literary ambition should first possess a competence before they start out in the profession. My advice to such is that they go into the grocery business, or any honest calling. When they have secured a competence, then they can satisfy their literary bent and achieve that rich success which always rewards genius and a great mind properly applied.

### Waxed Floors.

"Yes, I deal in antique furniture, and get up new furniture on antique models, and repair things, and so on, but my principal business is in waxing floors—hard-wood floors, of course. That is increasing all the time. I don't have much to do with the floors of dancing halls, because the men having charge of them get into the way of waxing the floors themselves. It is in private houses that my services are in demand. Three years ago there were very few waxed floors in New York residences, but they are all the rage now among New Yorkers we live in good style. Some have them because they are nice for a german or a small party; but they are also popular among those who do not dance, for they give an air of richness, of well keeping, and are so much cleaner than carpets ever can be. When you sweep a carpet you send up a cloud of dust and fibers from it, but that cannot be the case with a waxed floor, which gathers no dust, and the more it is swept and brushed and polished the smoother and brighter it becomes. A hard-wood floor should be waxed thoroughly three or four times a year, besides being rubbed occasionally by the servants of the house."—New York Sun.

### A New Feature in Fruit Preserving.

California fruit growers have discovered that apricots bleached with sulphur fumes and then dried in the sun are superior to those that are dried in any other manner or that are canned. They regard this fact of very great importance to the whole State. It enables every fruit culturist, however limited his means, and however small his farm, to produce a product that will be equal to that of the large orchards. The market for such products of California orchards will always be greater than the supply can possibly be. The United States alone will readily take all the fruit of the kind, and quality now being produced by the sun-drying process that California can ever raise. Many thousands of apricot trees have been planted within a recent date in orchard form in Southern California. Sun-dried apricots are being sold to California dealers at double the price paid for the best raisins.

### Narrow Escape.

A Newburg youth of 16 summers had a narrow escape from being crippled for life. His parents noticed that one side of his body seemed to be drawn out of shape—so much so that a physician was consulted. The doctor, after seeing the lad, told him he had been smoking cigarettes, and was being poisoned, and that had he continued the habit a few weeks longer, there could be no doubt that his entire side would have become paralyzed.

### Exploration of New Guinea.

\*\*\* In connection with the Waltham Watch Company, it may be stated that when the proprietors of *The Age* desired to present Mr. G. E. Morrison (the explorer of New Guinea) with a reliable chronometer, acting upon the advice of Mr. R. L. J. Ellery, the Government Astronomer, two Waltham watches were, however, procured for Mr. Morrison instead. These were kept at the Melbourne Observatory for a fortnight, and thoroughly and carefully tested, and were pronounced by Mr. Ellery, at the end of that time, to be better suited for Mr. Morrison's requirements than any chronometer."—Extract from the *Melbourne Age*.

LIME slaked with a solution of salt in water, and then properly thinned with skim milk from which all the cream has been taken, makes a permanent whitewash for outdoor work, and it is said renders the wood insect-proof. It is an excellent wash for preserving wood and for all farm purposes.

### Floating Plant.

A new plant possessing anti-malarial properties, as alleged, is receiving public attention. This is the Jussiaea grandiflora, a floating plant of the Jussiaea and lower lakes of Louisiana, which has long been observed to pre-

### OUR ANCESTORS' NERVE.

The Secret of Their Unusual Vigor Explained and How It Can Be Acquired.

There was something about the sturdy vigor of former generations that challenges the admiration of every man, woman, and child. They were no epicures—those ancient fathers. They lived simply, and successfully met and overcame difficulties that would have discouraged this age and generation. The rigors of the frontier were supplemented by the savages wild beasts threatened their enterprise, and poverty was a common companion. Yet they bravely encountered and resisted all those things and laid the foundations of a land whose blessings are now many. Their constitutions were strong, though untrained, and yet they were forced to expose themselves continually. There certainly must have been some good and adequate cause for all this and for the physical superiority of that age over the present.

It is well known to every one conversant with the history of that time that certain home compounds of strengthening qualities were used almost universally by those pioneers. The natural and simple exposure to which they were subjected necessitated this.

When their bodies became chilled by cold debilitated by the damp mists of a new country they were forced to counteract it by the use of antitoxins. Medicines were few in those days, and doctors almost unknown. Hence the preparations above referred to.

From among the number, all of which were compounded upon the same general principle, one was found to be more efficient and hence far more popular than all the rest.

It was well known throughout the Middle and Western States, and was known as the best preparation for malarial disorders and general debility then known.

The recipe for compounding this valuable article was handed down from one family and generation to another, was known to the Harrison family, and is used as the basis and general formula for the present "Tippecanoe," the name being suggested by the battle in which Gen. Harrison was engaged.

The manufacturers have thoroughly investigated this subject in its medical details, and have found that the assimilation of food, dyspepsia, tired feelings, general debility, prostrations, malarial disorders, and humors in the blood, nothing can exceed in value "Tippecanoe," which was the medicine of our forefathers and seems destined to be the most popular preparation of the day.

"Tippecanoe" is prepared and given to the public by Messrs. H. H. Warner & Co., of Rochester, N. Y., proprietors of the famous Warner's Sachet Company, which is now the most extensively used of any article of medicine in the country.

The well-known standing of this house is an efficient guarantee of the purity and power of this preparation, which seeks to banish one of the greatest bane of the nineteenth century—mal-assimilation of food.

Any one who experiences trouble of digestion; who feels less vigor than formerly; whose system has unquestionably "run down," and who realizes the necessity of some strengthening tonic, cannot afford to permit such symptoms to continue.

If the farmer finds that his grain from the straw he realizes something is wrong and tries to repair the machine. When the food does not sustain the life; when it fails to make blood; when it causes the energy to depart and ambition to die, it is a certain sign that something is wrong and that the human machine needs repairing. It is not a question of choice; it is a matter of duty. You must attend to your health or your sickness, and nothing will sooner overcome these evils than "Tippecanoe," the medicine of the past, a safe guard for the present, and a guarantee of health for the future.

### Coloring Roses.

A young man entered a Hartford street-car carrying three roses, one white, one green, and one salmon-colored. They attracted much attention, especially the green. The owner finally explained that all were white that morning, and that the coloring had been done by putting the stem of one into green ink, and the other into red ink. The leaves were beautifully colored, and the coloring would not rub off, but it seemed as if nature had done the work. The process only required ten minutes.

### No Marks.

Mr. T. M. Casad, editor of the *Cordyn Times*, writes that his little girl burned her foot severely on a stove. One application of St. Jacobs Oil, the great pain reliever, cured it completely, leaving no marks.

By two applications of St. Jacobs Oil he himself of a torturing pain in the side.

### Childhood's Observation.

Visitor (who has taken small girl on his lap)—"Now, my little pet, what do you think I've taken you on my lap for?"

Small girl—"To give me candy."

V.—"No, but to give you something almost as good as candy—a real sweet kiss."

S.—"I'd rather have the candy; you can go and kiss my governess. That's what papa does, and he gives me the candy every time I see him do it."—Philadelphia Call.

### The Best Protection.

The best safeguards against epidemic disease are through digestion and firm nerves. It is because they assure the regular performance of the digestive process, and invigorate the nervous system, that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters are such a sovereign protective against the influences which beget fever and ague, intermittent maladies, and those which directly affect the stomach and bowels. If the nerves are healthily tranquil, the assimilation of food perfect, as they are sure to be under the influence of this standard tonic and nerve, malaria may be defied, and if, in the absence of the most reliable of medical safeguards, the system has fallen a prey to disease of any kind, the Stomach Bitters will, if persistently continued, remove every vestige of the malady. Biliousness, constipation and dyspepsia yield with equal celerity to the operation of this potent vegetable alterative.

They say dogs can't reason, but no one will doubt that a dog tries to reach a conclusion when he chases his tail.

### Color Your Butter.

Farmers that try to sell white butter are all of the opinion that dairying does not pay. If they would use Wells, Richardson & Co.'s Improved Butter Color, and market their butter in a pure white condition, they would still get good prices, but it will not pay to make any but the best in color and quality. This color is used by all the leading creameries and dairymen, and is sold by druggists and merchants.

DOLLARS are getting scarce enough to be spent with a capital D.—Newman Independent.

The woman who seeks relief from pain by the use of alcohol stimulants and narcotic drugs finds that she seeks only so far as she can get relief, but it is temporally suspended. No cure was ever brought by such means, and the longer they are employed the more hopeless the case becomes. Use chloral, morphia, and belladonna alone, and use Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. They were his sole support.

Mr. W. C. BROWNING, lawyer, Judsonia, Ark., says: "Samarian Nervine cured me of epilepsy."

This first step to the Foundlings' Home is the door-step.

KING'S EVIL is a twin brother to Scrofula. Samarian Nervine cures both of them.

MISS-CONSTRUCTION—Whalebone, cotton, and paint.

### TRUE SOLDIERLY GRIT.

Having Passed Through the War, an Old Soldier Conquers One Enemy More.

Kindling with enthusiasm as he recalled the great struggle of twenty years ago, Capt. J. R. Sanford, of Newark, who raised Company B of 320 N. J. Zouaves, and went to the front with them, said to a transient companion one day last summer:

"Yes, I was in eight of the fiercest battles of the war; seven Pines, Malvern Hill, Savage Station, Missionary Ridge, and Harrison's Landing are in the list. I started to go with the 320 to the sea, but my right leg was shattered to the bone, but at the first engagement after the great battle of Malvern Hill, I was taken to the front again. After the amputation I was taken twenty-five miles and left in a tent at Ringgold, Ga. A rain came on and my tent was flooded. Then I was started on my way to Chattanooga, 280 miles distant. Just try to imagine the horror of that journey to a man in my condition. For years afterward I was shaken with every exertion. Yes, the doctors prescribe, as they always will when you ask them, but I keep my doctor now, and he never opens his mouth."

"A dumb doctor!" exclaimed the Captain's caller.

"Yes, dumb as a mummy, but smart as lightning; there he is," pointing to a bottle of DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY standing on a corner shelf; "I take that. When I am run down it winds me up; when I am weak it strengthens me; when I am 'off my food' it gives me an appetite; when I am excited it quietes me."

Remember name, Dr. David Kennedy's FAVORITE REMEDY, Rondout, N. Y.

A NEW JERSEY widow has just been awarded \$9,000 as balm for a broken heart. This patches up the scars until it is almost as good as new.

### Pulmonary Consumption.

DEAR SIR—I received the trial bottle of your Wine of the Syrup which you sent to me in addition to my bottle of the Syrup which I have a lung disease for more than eighteen years, and was pronounced to be last January in the last stages of Pulmonary Consumption. She commenced taking your valuable medicine and received relief at once. She has used three bottles since and is now using the fourth, and her health is better than for many years. We cheerfully recommend it to all afflicted with any trouble of the throat or lungs. We now get our medicine through John Potter, our merchant at this place.

You're welcome, Rev. J. B. Fly, Brooklyn Station, Mo. SUSAN E. Fly.

### Is Your Blood Pure?

For impure blood the best medicine known, Scovill's Sarsaparilla, or Blood and Liver Syrup, may be implicitly relied on when, everything else fails. Take it in the spring time, especially for the impure secretions of the blood incident to that season of the year; and take it at all times for cancer, scrofula, liver complaints, weakness, boils, tumors, swellings, skin diseases, malaria, and the thousand ills that come from impure blood. To insure a cheerful disposition take Scovill's Blood and Liver Syrup, which will restore the mind to its natural equilibrium.

### Nature.

Dame Nature is the great teacher and physician, and Carboline, made from pure petroleum, is one of her grandest remedies for baldness. Try it and you will use no other.

MENSMAN'S PEPTONIZED BEEF TONIC, the only preparation of beef containing its entire nutritive properties. It contains blood-making, force-generating, and life-sustaining properties; invaluable for indigestion, dyspepsia, nervous prostration, and all forms of general debility; also, in all entubed conditions, whether the result of exhaustion, nervous prostration, over-work, or acute disease, particularly if resulting from pulmonary complaints. Caswell, Hazard & Co., proprietors, New York. Sold by druggists.

PISO's Cure for Consumption does not dry up a cough; it removes the cause.

TRY Dr. Sanford's Liver Invigorator and be convinced that it can cure all bilious disorders.

NO NEED of being imposed on if you will insist on having Frazer Brand of Axe Grease.

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