

Cloth from Chinese Nettles.

Grass cloth is likely to have a more extensive market than formerly. It is a Chinese production, specimens of which come to us generally in the shape of handkerchiefs. The material is a fiber, not grass, and a species of nettles. Those nettles are carefully cultivated in China, where they grow in great quantities, as they do in India and Ceylon. In India hitherto no marked attempt of cultivation has been made. They are free from the stinging character of the ordinary nettles. In Ceylon and India, where the plants grow wild, these nettles are cut just about the time of seeding and bleached by the assistance of the heavy night dews and the hot midday suns, and the fibers gathered together and spun into ropes of thin twine, from which coarse matting is made. This primitive way of treating the nettles is not followed in China, and, indeed, the employment of the fiber silk for commercial purposes seems to be a Chinese secret. Not only is the texture of the cloth manufactured from this fiber very beautiful—it is principally remarkable for its splendid gloss and peculiar transparency—but it is extremely strong and durable. Belting for machinery has already been made with the China grass fiber, and on being tested it was found that it could bear a strain of 8,326 pounds to the square inch, whereas leather could only sustain a pressure of 4,249 pounds to the square inch. So soon as manufacturers and customers have had a sufficient time for experimenting we may expect to see grass cloth very generally used.—*Manufacturers' Gazette.*

An English Decision in Favor of an American Trade-Mark.

[From the New York Morning Journal.]

LONDON, ENGLAND, Aug. 26, 1886.—(SPECIAL BY CABLE)—In the chancery division of the High Court of Justice, London, Vice-Chancellor Bacon has given his decision in favor of THE CHARLES A. VOGELER COMPANY, of Baltimore, Maryland, in the action brought by that house against H. Churchill & Co., of Brisbane, Queensland. The case, which has been in progress here since September, 1884, grew out of an attempt of Churchill & Company to register a trade-mark containing the words "St. Patrick's Oil" in connection with a medicinal preparation. This was promptly opposed by the Vogeler Company, who, while admitting that the term and device which were sought to be registered by the Australian firm were in no respect identical to the well-known St. Jacobs Oil trade-marks, contended, however, that sufficient similarity existed between the term St. Patrick's applied by Churchill & Co. and St. Jacobs as used by the Vogeler Co. to cause confusion in the minds of the public and lead to purchasers being deceived. In support of this position they submitted an overwhelming amount of evidence from English, American, and Australian sources, with the result stated. Under the decision of the court, Churchill & Co. cannot register their mark and must pay costs of the case. This is the second trade-mark suit won by the Vogeler Company in England within three years.

Meandering.

A city girl writes: "It is a fond dream of mine to become a farmer's wife, and meander with him down life's flowery pathway." Ah, yes, that is a nice thing to dream about, but when you have lived on the farm and followed this meandering business for a month or so, you will discover a wide chasm between the dream and the reality. You will think of this about the time your husband meanders off and leaves you without wood, and you have to meander up and down the lane pulling splinters off the fence with which to cook dinner. And when you meander around in the wet clover in search of the cows, you will have a dim perception that fond dreams do not always pan out a hundred cents on the dollar, and that there are several meanderings in farm life that are not listed in the dreaming category. The meandering business on the farm is not what it is cracked up to be.—*Kansas City Squib.*

Plant Dynamics.

The great force exerted by growing plants may be demonstrated by direct measurement. By an arrangement of harness and levers, President Clarke, of Amherst Agricultural College, made a growing squash register a pressure equal to thousands of pounds, when finally the harness broke. A tree in a graveyard at Hanover, Germany, has lifted more than five inches a block of stone containing twenty cubic inches.

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The Acropolis Plan.

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When Rome Was Great.

Cassius—"Now, in the names of all the gods at once, upon what meat doth this our Caesar feed that he is grown so great?"

Brutus (after a thoughtful silence)—"Hash, I presume; for all meat that is set on it most doth bear the impress of the grater."

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WHEN a girl changes beau does she renew her youth?—*Burlington Free Press.*

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