just sent out 500,000 circulars and letters preparatory to the winter's work. Imperator Hymes has the names of the people to whom the circulars were addressed and will look after further correspondence in his own way.

Among the many letters related to one Superintendent Field of the "Home Stock Farm," Alpine, Ind. He enclosed $50, for which he was to receive $125 in green goods. He asks that they be expressed him at Connersville, and naively says: "I presume it wouldn't be wise to attempt to send them on the cars." The United States treasurer lives at Connersville. He recently resigned, you are aware, but he would be very apt to be very shrewd and well posted, would he not?"

Aron Valley's Successor—Coffee Bonanza—Brazilian Exhibit.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—It is authoritatively announced tonight that Dr. Von Holleben, German minister to Japan, has been appointed minister to the United States to succeed the late Count Arco Valley.

GROWING COFFEE BONANZA.

The Spanish American republics has information from Brazil that the total exports of coffee from Santos the past eight months amounted to 1,500,000 bags, of which 400,000 were to the United States. This is a good increase.

BRAZIL AND THE FAIR.

Captain Rogers, commissioner of the World's Fair in Brazil, states in a letter that among the estimates presented to Congress by the government, was an item equal to $350,000 to American gold for the purpose of making the best possible display of the resources, products and industries of that country at the Chicago exposition. The amount is intended only for the federal exhibit, and is in addition to the appropriations made by the various states for their respective exhibits, which have been very liberal.

The London "Times" on the Valparaiso Killing.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The Times, referring to the "Baltimore" affair at Valparaiso, says: "It is clear that a brutal outrage was committed, and the Washington government has a good prima facie case to demand satisfaction. But the time has not yet come when such a demand could properly be pressed. If it is now it would be made in hot blood and based upon incomplete information. It is not for a great and powerful nation like the United States to deal in this high-handed fashion with a weak neighbor. Arguing that Chile is recovering from a region of bad government, the attack on the "Baltimore's" sailors may be regarded as not in the same drama. America's strong aggressive policy will tend to enhance the difficulties the government is having. It already has a hard enough time to maintain law and order."

The Cholera in Asia Minor.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 25.—Advices from Damascus state that there were 39 cases of cholera and fifteen deaths from the disease in that city on the 20th inst.

American Citizens Killed in Mexico.

RIO GRANDE CITY, Tex., Oct. 25.—Two of the men shot October 16th by order of General Garcia, because of their alleged revolutionary proclivities, are now known to have been Juan Hesses and Jose Angel Vera, and it is clearly settled that they were American citizens and voters in this country. What they were doing in Mexico at the time is not definitely known, but the American Consul at Matamoras is making a thorough investigation. Vera, it is asserted, are only a few of the number executed by Garcia very summarily.

Killed by a Negro.

QUEEN CITY, Tex., Oct. 25.—Near here yesterday Lee Green, a 19-year-old negro, shot and killed Mrs. Lewis, wife of his employer. He threw the body into a well and threw her 7-year-old daughter and 1-year-old boy in after her. Then, to make sure of them he threw down a wash kettle. The little girl was killed, but the boy was rescued unhurt. The negro stole a horse and $20 and started for Arkansas. A posse of men are pursuing him.

Children Set Fire to a House.

PITTSBURGHERS, Oct., Oct. 25.—The children of John Cummings, a farmer living near here, set fire to the house while the parents were absent today. The parents arrived in time to rescue one, badly burned, the mother being fatally injured in getting it out. Three other children perished. No details are obtainable.

Gladstone's Home Rule Scheme.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—There is reason to believe that Mr. Gladstone has committed to paper an outline of his home rule scheme, which is to be in the form of a manifesto, and is to be issued upon the eve of the general election. In some respects the scheme is more liberal to Ireland than that which won the approval of Parnell, and it will undoubtedly be accepted by all reasonable Irishmen. Mr. Gladstone, who is in excellent health, will remain at Hawarden until the first week in December. He will then proceed to London to take part in the great conference on land law reform, and immediately afterward will start for Italy on a six week's holiday.

The Horseshoe Superstition.

The custom of nailing a horseshoe over the door of a house or other building as a protection against evil spirits and as an assurance of good luck is widely spread over the United States and England. It also flourishes among the Turkish and Scandinavian races and has been recognized so far out as Hindostan. The horseshoe unites within itself three lucky elements—it is crescent shaped, it has been, or is to be, in contact with a horse, and is made of iron.

Popular superstition has for ages attributed iron with protecting powers. The Romans are known to have driven nails into the doors and the walls of their houses as an attitude or as a preventive of the plague. The Arab who is overtaken by a storm in the desert seeks to propitiate the Jinns by sticking "iron" into it.

Since time out of memory the Bene Israelites have sought to encircle the river spirit, Nekkar, by sticking an open bottle in the bottom of the boat, or affixing a nail to the keel or rudder. In the mythology of England the horseshoe has always been considered a "lucky talisman."—St. Louis Republic.

FRUIT ROOMS.

Small Structures in Which Fruit May Be Kept Throughout the Year.

For the smaller and cheaper structures the inspector are recommending wide and ventilating windows, providing for being made for the admission of cool air on cool nights, to maintain a temperature equally above freezing, and thus preventing decay through warm weather, says Country Gentleman, from which the following plans and directions are gleaned:

FIG. 1—EXTERIOR OF FRUIT ROOM.

The fruit room may be a separate building, or an apartment connected with the dwelling, and separated from all other parts by means of a nonconducting wall. A building 15 by 20 will furnish ample room for all the fruit required by a common family. It may be wholly above ground or partly cut in the earth. The advantages of excavating for a part of the space is to obtain more warmth.

A common practice is to erect a frame of 4-inch studs and cover both sides of these with boards, filling the space between the boards with sawdust, but a better way is to nail on the studs building paper before the boards are applied. The studs being placed just far enough apart to give a slight lap to the paper as the rolls are successfully applied. The sawdust is omitted, as it is liable to raise cavities by settling and to be attacked by rats and mice. If this air space and the two covers with boards and building paper are not sufficient to make a good nonconducting wall, nail vertical stripes on each inch and add another covering of paper and another boarding. The roof is made nonconducting in a similar way and the room protected with double doors and double windows.

FIG. 2—SECTIONAL VIEW OF FRUIT ROOM.

But the most important requisite in preserving fruit from decay is to maintain a temperature only a few degrees above freezing through all warm weather. Two thermometers should be provided and the temperature frequently examined. By admitting cold air during nights and keeping the room closely shut in day time the fruit may be kept cool. Windows should be placed on opposite sides, so that a free current of cold air may be admitted in the night.

Instead of an earth floor there may be a slatted floor, cutting openings through which admit the warmth from the earth. If the fruit room occupies a part of the basement of the dwelling it should be entirely separated from the rest of the basement by a double brick wall. Fig. 2 represents the exterior of a small fruit house, with double entry at the side, a single window at each end and a vertical wooden pipe surrounded with a ventilator. Fig. 3 is the cross section of the same fruit house. The underpinning is double, with an air space as a nonconductor of the heat and, with a free connection with the earth below through board registers or slatted work.

New Stable Apparatus.

The stables at the chief fire station, Jackson's row, Manchester, have been fitted with a new apparatus that is calculated to add to the comfort of the horses and at the same time to facilitate the "turning out" of the brigade. The apparatus consists, roughly speaking, of a movable shutter at the entrance to the stall, and fixed to it at the manger. The shutter can be raised by moving a pin and can be fitted to an ordinary stable.

The advantages claimed for the system are the prevention of horses from kicking one another or any one who may happen to be passing by them. It avoids turning horses in their stalls, and thereby the risk of spinal injury. It allows them to front the stable door instead of standing with their heads to the wall, thereby breathing all the good air that enters the stable without draft, and in every way it renders the horse's condition as effectual as possible when fastened up within the stall, the stall being always available as a loose box without alteration or addition.

When rapid harnessing is a consideration, and in every case time will be gained by not having to run to the manger or to turn the horse when harnessed.—New York Telegram.

Steel Manufacture in 1780.

In 1780 the Connecticut legislature granted to Moses Fitch, Walter & Wyllys "the sole privilege of making steel for the term of fifteen years upon this condition, that they should in the space of two years make half a ton of steel." This condition not having been complied with, the privilege was extended to 1794, before which time Jesse Root and Ichabod Miller certified that more than half a ton of steel had been made at the furnace in Simsbury.—W. F. Durfee in Popular Science Monthly.

When the Brain Ceases to Learn.

The skulls by using a drum at the base of the abdomen, produces a remarkable sound sufficient to even frighten off an enemy, yet I once saw a big wasp boring off a big cicada larger than itself, despite the "swing" and drumming of the victim.—St. Paul Dispatch.

John Loudon Macadam, the inventor of the road that bears his name, labored for years to perfect his plans, and although the English parliament voted him $25,000 it hardly covered his outlay. He monument is the roads of England.

MARRIAGE IN ASSYRIA.

Rather More a Matter of Barter Than Love in the Land of the Free.

Here live on six cents a day in Assyria. Assyrian women are bought and sold, are made to work with men of the plow, and have as little liberty as the slaves of Cathay. Men who pay six dollars a day to live and labor who fill up every in victuals thought over time things at they left the Church Park church Sunday night, said Mr. Hasi Rasi, born at Mount Lebanon, told these things in broken English.

Assyrian Rasi is a tall, handsome Assyrian, with a wife as rich as the camel-skin robe made as the fad of the nation to which he was born. He joined into the curious, bright eyes of girls and told them that, had they been born Assyrians in Assyria they could not go upon the streets unless their faces were concealed, that they could neither receive nor make a call among women without their husbands' consent, and that if at any time, even by accident, they were seen by any man or by any way recognized no one would marry them.

He said that once two couples—a tall man and a short woman, and a short man and a tall woman—stood before a priest to be wed. The priest placed the tall man and tall woman and the short man and short woman together, and none of the four knew whether it was right or not, neither of them knowing the other. But the parents hurry on, perhaps, and joined the tall man by the short woman and the short man by the tall woman, so that was the way of the contract.

Then Mr. Rasi showed how these contracts were made. He left the pulpit, and presently a man wrapped up in rich Assyrian raiment went up and sat upon the floor. Mr. Rasi came back and squatted beside him.

"I would very much like," he said, "for a girl who is yours to be wife to my son Isaac."

"I would be honored," returned the man, with a very unmistakable American accent.

"How many have you?"

"Three."

"How much years have they?"

"One is fifteen, one twenty and one twenty-five."

"Don't talk to me about the twenties for our the country they are never fit to marry. How much do you charge for the fifteen year?"

"Five camels, four horses, three sheep and fifty dollars."

"Said I can buy 100 women for so much."

"But so little man."

"Oh, I think so."

"Well, you can't have mine for a cent less."

"I pay."

But even then Isaac did not get the little one, because a few minutes later Mr. Rasi returned as another man, and by doubling the price secured the girl for his son Jacob.

Then Amon Rasi looked at the young man, whose parent fathers set them seven dollars, and said then that people in Assyria paid fifty cents for a suit of clothes. The common people, he said, paid three cents for twenty-five pounds of carriage and four cents for five pounds of turnips. Fifty loaves of bread were varmes out at a baking, and men sometimes ate four and five loaves at a meal. He waited for a moment, and then, turning to a black boy behind him, said, "They are so big," and he drew a circle that would inclose a Thanksgiving platter.—Chicago Herald.

A Remarkable Manifestation.

In the early history of spiritualism the following incidents occurred near Martinsville, West Virginia:

John Gamble was murdered. Among the persons last seen with him was a man named Mercer or Messer, who is known to have used Gamble a special stable man of money. Messer was arrested, but no proof was found to convict, he was released. This was in the spring of the year, in March or April. During the fall of the same year as some men were returning from a "husking" one of them, a Mr. Hindman, separated from the company, taking a short cut across the meadows for home. As Hindman walked along he became aware of the presence of another walking by his side.

Presently the stranger said, "I am John Gamble, whom Ed Messer killed." The apparition then gave a detailed account of the time, place and manner of the murder; told the place of burial and gave other directions which were afterward followed out, resulting in the discovery of Gamble's remains.

Next Messer was confronted by Hindman, who seemed him of being the murderer. Messer would not answer to the charge the ghost had made, but Hindman repeated it, when he left in sort and swore to the ghostly interview, which, added to the circumstantial evidence which had already been adduced, fixed the guilt indelibly on the public mind, even though he could not be held on such ethereal evidence.

Soon after, however, Messer left for parts unknown, and is believed to have assumed a new name. There was great excitement in Wetzel county at the time, and every one was asking the question, If it was not the spirit of Gamble that held the interview with Hindman in the meadow, who was it?

Lord Carnarvon's Rusty Mill.

One of Lord Carnarvon's future constituents once asked the youthful nobleman to pronounce upon a strange question of which he knew nothing. "Let him alone!" cried another derisively; "don't you see he's nothing but a baby?" "What do you think?" reiterated his inquirer, heedless of the interruption and determined to have an answer. "I think," said Lord Carnarvon, with ready wit, "that it is high time for all babies to be in bed," and so saying he gathered up his papers and disappeared from the platform.

Again—and the last anecdote is as well known as to have become well-nigh threadbare—a crowded meeting just before his election he was interrupted by the question: "Does your mother know you are out?" "Yes, she does," was the instant retort, "and by Tuesday night she will know I'm in." His prophecy proved correct and he headed the poll by a large majority.—San Francisco Argonaut.

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