REFRACTORY WHEAT.

Hot Flax Seed Brought Nineteen Kernels from A Girl's Eye.

WILLARD, Utah, June 23.—Although the incident I am about to relate occurred some eight or ten years ago, I believe that it has never been in print. As I consider it somewhat unusual and hard to believe, notwithstanding there is evidence enough to convince the most skeptical, I take the liberty to give it.

A crowd of people had assembled to enjoy themselves in a singing practice, when a rather mischievous boy began handing wheat around. In performing this pleasant task he threw a handful in the face of a young lady, who threw up her hand and rubbed her eye. Nothing more was thought of it until several hours later, when three kernels of wheat were taken from her eye. From this time, for a month the wheat continued to come painually two kernels at a time, until nineteen kernels were taken out. Two kernels which had been in three weeks, were sprouted, and were the only ones causing pain. The last two kernels, taken out just thirty days after they were thrown in, were solid. Not much pain was experienced, the girl having to remain from school only one week. Flaxseed was the only remedy used. One night seven of these were put into the eye, and during the night they seemed to have formed an alliance, for the next morning four of them appeared, tugging the culprit for which they were sent. In coming out the course of the wheat was from the inner corner, around under the upper lid to the outer corner, thence under the lower lid to the inner corner. O. J. CALL.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, June 23, 1893.—Uncle Sam is having a wrestle with a local combine, which though comparatively small is worked upon the same principles that govern the big trusts throughout the country, and the result may be interesting to the entire country. The government departments use four or five million pounds of ice every season, and the furnishing of it is given out by contract to the lowest bidder. This year the five or six local ice companies formed a combine and raised the price of ice to private consumers, and when the bids for furnishing the government were opened it was discovered that they proposed making Uncle Sam pay about double last year's price for his ice. The bids were all thrown out and a new advertisement for bids published. A Philadelphia company made a bid at a reasonable figure, but before it was accepted withdrew it, because it had been notified that the local combine had taken steps which would prevent its being able to get a vessel loaded with ice towed up the Potomac river to Washington. In the matter now stands. The present contract expires the first of July. It has been suggested that the government use one of its own tugs to tow vessels loaded with ice for the departments at Washington, but nothing has yet been determined upon. The local combine is confident that the government will have to get its ice from them and to pay their price. If such is the outcome it will demonstrate the weakness of the government in dealing with a combine in a manner that will not be lost upon other combines.

No verdict ever given by a Washington coroner's jury gave more general satisfaction than that which found Colonel Fred C. Ainsworth, U. S. A., Contractor Dant, Capt. Covert and Engineer Sasse guilty of criminal neglect and consequently as manslaughter in causing the death of twenty-three men in Ford's old Theater. The accused have given bail—$10,000 each, and their case he's gone to the grand jury, which is now in session. If true bills are found against them they cannot be tried until the fall term of the criminal court. The army court of inquiry appointed by Secretary Lamont will not begin its work until the grand jury shall have disposed of Colonel Ainsworth's case. Whatever may be the result of the action of the grand jury Colonel Ainsworth will retain his rank in the army and continue to draw his salary until tried by a courtmartial and dropped from the army. The President can suspend him from his position as chief of the records and pension division, and will probably do so if the grand jury brings in a true bill of manslaughter—many think that he should have done so as soon as the verdict of the coroner's jury was rendered—but he cannot deprive him of his rank in the army; only a courtmartial can do that.

The death of Senator Stanford was a great shock to his warm personal friends in Washington, although they knew that his health was bad. Mr. Stanford was hardly a statesman, but he was something rarer and better—a rich man whose heart and pocketbook were always open to his fellow man who had been less successful.

The presence of a delegation of Louisiana sugar planters, headed by two democratic Congressmen, in Washington and the object of their visit recalls a famous saying of the late General Hancock—"The tariff is purely a local question." The gentlemen are here to demand that sugar shall be protected in the new tariff bill to the extent of one and one-half or two cents a pound, if the bounty be abolished. It is believed that one of the hardest fights that will occur over the new tariff bill will be that on the sugar clause. That a tariff on sugar is unpopular with the masses is apparent to every close observer, but money has got to be raised somehow and it may be that the $40,000,000 or $50,000,000 which a tariff on sugar would put in the treasury each year may outweigh the opposition of the masses with a majority of Congress. On the other hand it should not be forgotten that the votes of the individuals of the aforesaid masses make and unmake congressmen, and this influence is not often nearly moved, although it is often secretly and stealthily turned down by those who lack the "mind" to do so publicly. It is rumored that a strong lobby backed by wealthy men who are opposed to an income tax is to be here when Congress meets for the purpose of laying the proposed tariff on sugar against the proposed tax on incomes.

Politicians say that Secretary Lamont is to be the administration candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of New York. Previous administration candidates for governor of that state have not been fortunate. Felger and Fassett were known as administration candidates.

Involuntary Resuscitation.

Under this head Junius W. Donaldson contributes a suggestive paper to Science. He says that a person who will examine somewhat into his own mental processes will find much to interest and confound him.

He mentions that experience which has occurred to everybody—how, in the midst of intense mental preoccupation with any subject, one finds himself suddenly humming some old tune that he heard in his childhood, often indeed a frightful discordant jangle that he has tried time and again to forget. The truth is that we can really forget nothing, except perhaps what we must want to remember.

Another common experience is that in a moment, without warning, there often flashes across the mind scenes, words and events that have no connection in the remotest manner with anything the individual has in hand at the time. He may be thinking how to increase his bank account when all at once it will come back to him how he fell into the water and narrowly escaped drowning when he was a boy. On the whole it is the recollections of one's earlier years that obtrude some back unbidden. Perhaps events are pictured in the thought sober and long about our atmosphere forever, ready to pop before the mind's eye at any unguarded moment.

But it is the unhappy recollections, the miserable scenes, that one would blot out forever which haunt us most persistently, the grisly skeleton at the feast. If young people knew how often grisly skeletons intrude on the mind in later years, they certainly would be more chary of doing things that are not creditable to remember. Mr. Donaldson says:

It has often happened that these unexpected recalls even of a character to cause to such discomfort and humiliation, for we have found to our expectation that we may not easily "quiet from memory a rooted sorrow" nor "raze out the written troubles of the brain," and, worse than all, that the "diseased part" will never "cast bitterness forever and speaking may be our calamity." Indeed it is proposed that it is that if there be any of one memories which are more persistent and obtrude than others, it is the events or disappointments which we have unwittingly caused and based unfortunate complications with our greater and better companions. These will return again and again in spite of us, and it seems, as if with malicious intent, that they often delight in choosing opportunities when it is most inopportune and most embarrassing. Or it may be that some time when in the midst of a sound of business mirth and jollity the ghost of an unavoiding sadness or the shadow of an event in our life full of shame and sorrow may suddenly appear to subdue and sober us and dissipate our enjoyment.

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