

Grange Column.

Under the Supervision of the Executive Committee of Pomona Grange.

Deep or Shallow Culture.

As that time in the life of our principal crops is at hand, when their roots are ramifying in every direction and filling the ground in search of food, it becomes those who practice deep culture to pause and consider whether that practice is best, and give a reason for their manner of cultivating.

THE MICROPHONE.

How Prof. Hughes Discovered the Means of Magnifying Sounds—The Trump of a Fly Distinctly Audible.

A paper lately read before the Royal Society announces the invention, by Prof. Hughes, of this astonishing instrument or apparatus, which is said to our ears a universe of sounds hitherto inaudible—just as the microscope revealed a world of minute life and structure unknown before.

Time is an important element with our annual cultivated crops. The season of growth is short at best, and crops need to be stimulated instead of retarded.

What, then, do these facts teach us in reference to the cultivation of field crops? If corn and cotton require roots, why do violence to the laws of nature by constantly tearing them off? Nature is our best guide. Assist, but never frustrate her designs.

Body Snatching in Ohio.—As has already been announced, there is an excitement in the West over the finding of the body of the Hon. John Scott Harrison, son of ex-President Harrison, in a medical college in that city.

There are other facts connected with this subject that should not be overlooked in estimating the comparative advantages of deep or shallow culture.

—An observing young gentleman, of almost three years, said during a pause in the conversation: "Mrs. Jones, let your teeth draw again."

The Vitality of the Shark.

During the Spring of the year, 1862, when the war was in progress, a number of army officers left Boston in the well-sailing ship "Merchant" for a voyage on Ship Islands.

Among the passengers were Dr. Hooker, Lieutenant Prince and Emerson, and the writer; and all witnessed the scene of the shark's capture.

Early one morning, Dr. Hooker called from the deck to us below that a shark was following the ship. We took this to be a practical joke and did not move from our staterooms.

When we went on deck upon deck, about six o'clock, we looked over the stern of the ship and there saw an enormous, shovel-nosed shark following us, but keeping his distance about two hundred feet.

The old sea captain said he was no unusual incident to have a shark follow a ship for an entire voyage. They subsist largely on the waste matter thrown overboard; and, as they are very fast swimmers, can always keep up with a vessel.

It was proposed by Captain Lewis, one of the captains on board, to make an effort when we had a chance to take the bait ship for an entire voyage.

We threw into the ocean pieces of bread and other articles of food, and were greatly interested to see him eat them. The ship was searched but there was not a harpoon to be found; there was not even a line to hook the shark.

While Captain Lewis was preparing a noose which was to be slipped over the shark's head, I asked the pilot fisherman, "Every shark has one?"

These pilot fish seemed to be five or six inches long, and of a yellowish-brown color, having longitudinal dark spots on their sides and resembling much the perch of New England ponds.

—A Sunday school boy, at Mayville, Kentucky, was asked by the superintendent if his father was a Christian. "Yes, sir," he replied, "but he is not working at it much."

ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

A Funny Recommendation from a Louisiana Bulldozer—Straight Out Protest Against Anderson's Appointment.

Among the letters transmitted by the President to the Potter investigating committee on last Friday were the following unique letters:

WEST FERRISSA, LA., May 17, 1877. Hon. Wm. M. Potter, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

SIR—Understanding that Mr. James E. Anderson, (carpet-bagger) of New Orleans, is an applicant for a consular position, I take the liberty to inform you that I am the person who attempted to rid the State of him last fall (to see his testimony before the congressional committee in New Orleans).

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26, 1877. HON. R. B. HAYES, PRESIDENT: As a fish, and one who earnestly desires that your whole administration may be entirely successful, I asked you to withhold the name of James E. Anderson as consul to Funchal, who falsely represents himself as being from Ohio.

It was said by Condy Raguet, in the Examiner and Journal of Political Economy, when he published during the Nullification controversy, that the phrase, "We, the people," employed in the preamble to the Federal Constitution, constitutes the chief ground upon which the consolidation school of politicians rely for the support of their theory.

When, some time ago, the great cause of constitutional liberty should be endangered, purely by the imperfection of the English language; and that the descendants of the free nation in Europe should be in danger of becoming slaves, merely because they speak the English language.

—Thomas D. Jones, a Syracuse (N. Y.) fishman, has had a great success in the "Pill" he has already secured him \$100,000 or so within ten months, and promises to yield other golden eggs in the future.

—The Chilian Times says: A singular discovery has been made on board of the Irvin, a full-rigged vessel, recently arrived at England from Peru. The body of a woman was found imbedded in the cargo, which consisted of nitrate of soda.

—A Sunday school boy, at Mayville, Kentucky, was asked by the superintendent if his father was a Christian. "Yes, sir," he replied, "but he is not working at it much."

—Economy consists in putting a ten-cent picture in a ten-dollar frame.

—A Chicago chap has discovered perpetual motion. It is his wife's tongue. — It is said that King onions will prevent the lips from chapping. It will certainly keep the chaps from girl's lips.

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