BUDS AND FLOWERS OF HOME LIFE.

Paine's Celery Compound Makes and Keeps the Children Well and Strong

Mothers Make It the Home Medicine For the Little Ones.

The children, God bless them, are the buds and flowers of our homes. Without their prattle and hearty laughter, our homes would be desolate. They should ever be carefully tended in childhood and youth, if we expect them to ripen into perfect men and women.

In the home and at school, the children have their times of ill health and suffering. We often note the pallid and bloodless cheeks, heavy eyes, nervous movements, and twitchings of limbs and muscles. They complain of headache, drowsiness, weariness, dyspepsia, and indigestion. All such symptoms and ailments mean that the seeds of disease will have a fast and firm hold, unless proper measures are taken to restore a perfect condition of health.

Thousands of wise and prudent parents have made their children happy, healthy, and vigorous by giving them nature's medicine, Paine's Celery Compound. In many severe and complicated cases, Paine's Celery Compound has restored health when the little ones were given up by physicians.

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Pillow and table covers, curtains, portieres, afghans, tidies, and chair coverings, may be dyed beautiful and artistic colors.

Direction book and 45 dyed samples free. DIAMOND DYES, Burlington, Vt.

Don't Burn Your Farm.

It is an old custom to burn everything we can in the farm. This is a great mistake. Every kind of rotting vegetable matter is valuable. The decaying grass and sticks and stalks and leaves of every sort help to furnish readily soluble food for the next crop. They make the best possible manure except the animal matter.

But it is not alone for the manure that they are valuable. In rotting they create humus. Without humus our soils will not yield; anything that increases the humus in the soil greatly increases the capacity of that soil to produce.

For this reason we should carefully preserve and plow in every possible pound of vegetable matter. Whenever you see a smoke in the farm you may know that there goes part of that farmer's money. Literally "gone up in smoke."

Fire has done almost as much damage to the farms as the water. Never burn anything that will rot. Anything that will burn will rot, therefore never burn anything in the farm.

It is true that sometimes a very heavy crop of grass poorly turned under and that too late in the season, will cut off capillary action until it has time to rot. This sometimes causes a slight delay in the crop and gives some trouble in the work. For this reason many have decided that it pays to burn off the grass. It may seem to do so on the first crop, but so great is the benefit later on that we can well afford to lose this little for the larger later gain.

Keep the fires out of your farm. —Southern Cultivator.

State of Ohio City of Toledo, } Lucas County. }

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

SEAL. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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Horrible Homicide in Bamberg.

Special to News and Courier.

Bamberg, Feb. 4.—A terrible tragedy occurred here at about half-past three o'clock this afternoon, in which J. B. King, who had been acting as policeman for only about one month, lost his life at the hands of a worthless drunken man.

Joe Davis, who came here from Orangeburg county, a year or more ago, is in the habit of taking too much dispensary whiskey, and today was one of the occasions on which he indulged too freely. He and his wife had trouble. She went to Sheriff Hunter for protection, and he sent Policeman King to adjust matters and make arrests if necessary.

On his way to the house he caught up with Mrs. Davis, who was returning, and they walked along together. Mrs. Davis went to the rear of the house to enter, and Policeman King went to the front and knocked on the door for admittance. He received no answer and started to open the door, and when it was cracked sufficiently Davis shot him with right-hand barrel of a breech-loading shotgun, the load of small shot entering his breast directly over the heart. The policeman's blood covered almost the entire floor of the piazza, but he managed to get down on the steps, when he fell face downward on the ground and died instantly. A hole about one and a half inches in diameter was torn directly over the heart, through which his life blood spurted, and death must have been almost instantaneous.

These are the facts as gathered from witnesses and surrounding circumstaces only a short while after the tragedy.

The facts indicate that Davis had prepared to do this deadly work before Policeman King reached the house and as soon as the door was opened sufficiently he took away the life of his victim.

He made no attempt to escape and was lodged in jail by Mr. L. O. Price, where he will remain until he answers to the charge of murder.

The coroner's inquest may bring out other facts. It will probably be held tonight. No one saw Davis when he shot, but he admits that he did the killing and the gun is in the hands of the officers of the law. He had extracted the empty cartridge from the gun and replaced it with a loaded one.

Policeman King came here from Augusta about six months ago and was a salesman for J. A. Spann until the first of this year, when he went upon the police force. He was a man of exemplary habits and was considered a first class officer. He had made many friends here, who are greatly incensed at his untimely and tragic death. He leaves a wife and some children, who are almost distracted at their sudden and irreparable loss.

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Cold in the West.

Omaha, Feb. 4.—The worst blizzard in many years raged throughout Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming last night. Business of all kinds is suspended today and trains are snowbound and the telegraph and telephone service are tied up.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—Unusual cold prevails throughout California and for the first time in ten years the hills about the city and on both sides of Santa Clara valley are covered with snow.

Get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets at J. F. Mackey & Co's drugstore. They are easier to take and more pleasant in effect than pills. Then their use is not followed by constipation as is often the case with pills. Regular size, 25c. per box.

A Blizzard in Chicago.

Chicago was the scene last Tuesday and Wednesday of the worst blizzard in years. Wires are down in every direction and all telegraphic lines, except those of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, are unworkable, as were the long distance telephone wires, except one line to Omaha. Chicago for hours this morning was cut off from news of the outside world. Nearly a foot of snow fell yesterday and last night. A rain and sleet storm, accompanied by a high wind accomplished the havoc. Street car traffic is demoralized and incoming trains are reported late. The storm continues today, hampering the work of the repair crews sent out in every direction by the telegraph companies. Two lives were lost and numerous accidents have been reported.

WANTED—Every person that is suffering with asthma, to send 25 cents for a large dollar bottle of PIERCE'S ASTHMA CURE. Nature's Remedy Co., n19-0m1ry Washington, D. C.

Tax Returns 1903.

Auditor's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this office will open from the 1st day of January 1903 to the 20th day of February 1902, for the purpose of receiving the returns of the taxpayers of Lancaster County.

All persons having personal property in their possession or control as Manager, Holder or as Husband, Parent, Guardian, Trustee, Executor, Administrator, Receiver, Agent or Attorney on the 1st day of January 1903, are required by law to list the same for taxation within the time required by law, or incur the penalty of fifty per cent, which attaches in case of failure to do so.

The Taxpayers will note all Real Estate acquired or improvements made since last return.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 60 are liable for Poll Tax, except those exempt by law.

The Auditor or an assistant will attend the following places in the county on the days named below for the convenience of the public:

Osceola—Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 1903, p. m.

Pleasant Valley—Wednesday, Jan. 7th, 1903.

Belair—Thursday, Jan. 8th, 1903.

Van Wyck—Friday, Jan. 9th, 1903.

Dixie—Monday, Jan. 12th, 1903, a.m.

Dwight—Monday, Jan. 12, 1903, p.m.

Tradesville—Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1903.

Taxahaw—Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1903.

Flat Creek Church—Thursday, Jan. 15th, 1903.

Dr. C. C. Welsh's—Friday, Jan. 16, 1903.

Primus—Saturday, Jan. 17, 1903, a.m.

Haile Gold Mine—Monday, Jan. 19, 1903.

Kershaw—Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 20th and 21st, 1903.

Heath Springs—Thursday, Jan. 22, 1903.

Pleasant Hill—Friday, Jan. 23, 1903, a. m.

W. T. Vanlandingham's—Monday, Jan. 26th, 1903.

It will be to the interest of every tax payer to make his return promptly and save the 50 per cent. penalty which attaches after the 20th of February.

After the above dates I will be found in the Auditor's office to wait upon the public.

Respectfully,
JNO. A. COOK,
Auditor L. C.

Lancaster, S. C., Dec. 8th, 1902.

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come here every department has its little bargain story to tell you, Here are a few items gathered here and there throughout this

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Comforts from 75 cents up. Blankets 50 cents up.

Men's fine shoes at 95 cents. Ladies fine shoes $1.00.

Men's Suits at $2.25 and up. Boy's Suits 90 cents up.

Men's Hats at 45 cents and up. Children's Hats at 25 cents.

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Lancaster, S. C., Oct, 23, '02.—tf.

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The firm of Funderburk Co. will on January 1st, 1903, by mutual consent of the parties composing said firm—A. L. Funderburk and B. Y. Funderburk—be dissolved.

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