

SPRING FENCING.

The Ohio farmers after noting the fact that the month of April is the best adapted to changing and repairing fences, and returning to the growing season of timber proceeds. The judicious planning and laying out of fields will be found a source of great saving. Often fully double the number of rods of fence are supported that are actually required. Some three or four fields are kept from mowing when by re-arrangement of fences, all might be converted into one meadow, and so with fields used for grazing and plowing. Another great saving may be made by frequent laying over of fences, and putting under one block. A re-hill fence with one ground piece, six rails high, is fully equal to one containing eight rails, which has stood five years without repair.

We are not inclined to favor the idea of building a fence of entire new rails on an old farm, for the reason that the bottom rail of any fence will not last more than one third as long as those above it; and for this, we like the plan of re-laying a certain portion of the farm fence every spring, putting in new rails at the bottom. In this way good oak or chestnut rails will be made to last converted into one meadow, and so with fields used for grazing and plowing. Another great saving may be made by frequent laying over of fences, and putting under one block. A re-hill fence with one ground piece, six rails high, is fully equal to one containing eight rails, which has stood five years without repair.

An Indian Story.

General Platonon used to tell an amusing little Indian story. He was once while stationed at a frontier post, quite surrounded by the attacking hands of Cheyennes. He wished very much to negotiate a treaty with the chiefs, but they were too suspicious or hostile to place themselves in his power. At last he succeeded in capturing a young Indian of rank, whom he held as hostage. One day this captive, suddenly talking about the fort, came upon a soldier, who, in a moment of anger, was playing with a child's jumping jack. The noble savage was trampled upon and admiration. He watched the antics of the little figure with breathless silence for some minutes, then turned and yanked one end past the sentinel, leaped all the obstructions and escaped from the fort. In an incredible short space of time, however, his returned, bearing a deputation of chiefs, who, after standing an hour or so in rapid consultation, and upon the most important condition that the noble little boy should always remain at the fort. Might it not be well for our fisher Peace Commissioners with a quantity of jumping jacks? They are better at least, than rifles, tobacco and whiskey.

CARS IN CHINA.—The clever Harrold missionary, Han, who, with his companion Chet, first gave us an intelligent account of life in the interior of the flowery Kingdom, was not a little surprised, and quite incredulous at first when his Chinese friends told him that they saw their watches, and could of them at the hour of the day. He learned however, by careful observation, that this was really so; for he noticed that the pupils of every car he saw, though wide open in the early morning, gradually contracted as the sun rose, at noon a perpendicular line of intense brilliancy would be all that was left in the sun, and then the pupils would dilate again to expand to its natural size by sunset. And when poor Johnny has served her time as a girl, she is served up here—she is dressed, as in French restaurants, but badly and ineffectually. In many of the low houses in town, and in almost every farmhouse in the country, a number of women are seen fastened to chairs for the purpose of fattening them; and in the market houses they hang in long rows, exhibiting their snowy whiteness, and with heads and tails carefully left untouched, to testify to their genuineness. Hence the fondness of the Chinese to introduce them in their illustrations of happy India. Here, while their strange neighbors, the Japanese, show here also their superiority, being fond of fattening the poor creatures, and making fun of them after their own manner. PROF. SCIENCE DE VESSE, in Harpers Magazine for March.

I have very little respect for the ties of this world; as the chap said when the rope was put around his neck.

Learning is wealth to the poor, an honor to the rich, and to the young.

Bishop Simpson's Charge.

Bishop Simpson recently gave an ample charge to several young Methodist ministers who were ordained at Philadelphia. In the course of it he said: Talk neither too long nor too loud. The measure of our duty is the measure of our ability. You must use the tongue of your own voice and nothing else. Be as God made you and what he has given you. Guard yourselves strongly and thoroughly, both mentally and physically. By your care you can work for years. An earnest heart with thought reaches the people. The more natural we talk the more effective will we be. Take time for speaking. Speak naturally and earnestly, and stand erect in the fear of God. Be careful about your diet. Don't eat late suppers. I have found that nine out of ten ministers who are preaching the early. Red cover to five hours, and try to do as much good as you can. One of the other things he said to you, we could live a thousand years, what a great amount of good we could do for them. I am now anxious now to live than I ever was.

A French writer has said to dream of money, you must act philosophically when awake, and to being asleep, you must act with you in your sleep, you must die in the cause of virtue during the day.

The Welsh have a saying that if a woman were as much with her feet as with her tongue she would catch nothing enough to light the flax in the morning.

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