

MAPLE SYRUP INDUSTRY.

Chiefly Confined to the New England States.

This is the time of year when maple syrup takes its proper place as king of condiments at the breakfast table.

There is just a round million of dollars invested in this country in the machinery which produces and purifies the syrup.

Seventy-five per cent. of the product consumed in this country, and the rest is exported to Europe.

The maple tree is active in summer and passive in winter. The tree is extremely porous, there being, according to the highest authority, about 100,000 cells in every cubic inch of the wood.

In summer the tree absorbs moisture into all these cells, which is densified into water. This water, mingling with the natural saccharine properties of the tree, becomes maple sap in a crude form.

The tree is also extremely sensitive to weather conditions. When in February and March the maple begins to "leak," as the New England farmer says, the tree wishes to unburden itself, and it does so, whether the sap is on hand to get the benefit of process or not.

The machinery was invented for the purpose the farmer used to furrow the trunk of the tree by slashing the lengthwise with a knife. Then deep furrows all around the trunk near its base.

The farmer nowadays goes up to a tree that is "sweating," casts his eye the softest spot in the trunk and inserts a metal tap, and this relieves the tree in splendid shape.

Can Cats Swim?

Although it seems somewhat difficult to understand how the sportsmen of the Nile hunt their cats not only to hunt game, but to dive from the water, the hunting is depicted on the walls of Thebes.

One of these representations shows the cat in the act of seizing a bird that had been brought down by the marksman's boat, while in another scene the cat is shown in the boat ready for their

It appears, from these ancient traditions of field and other sports, that cats are able to train their descendants to act in the same way as our retriever dogs do. It is generally held that nothing will induce a cat to enter the water, but this is clearly a fallacy.

Educated Oysters.

Useless as an oyster is an every day article, yet, according to the Brooklyn oyster, the oyster has an amount of intelligence to be expected in a creature of little organization.

He proposes to buy a man-eating shark and chain him to a post under the jail. He will only give the shark enough to eat to keep him alive, and he will be a brave boy indeed who will risk being eaten by a hungry shark to gain his liberty.

Any one having a shark for sale should notify the jailer, who will try to induce the board of public works to purchase him for this purpose.

Longer and longer exposure to the sun in this respect is completed, they are sent on their journey to the metropolis, where they arrive with closed shells and in a healthy condition.

Some of the mollusks possess the sense of direction in a marked degree, being able to find their way home from what must be, to them, great distances. For instance, the limpet, after an excursion in search of food, will invariably return to its home on some rock or stone.

A dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer says considerable excitement has been occasioned in Springfield Township, Indiana, by the lucky find of John H. Riardon, a farm hand employed on the place of Farmer Hughes.

On his return trip he stopped to examine the can and was dumfounded to find that it contained \$430 in gold and silver coin. Riardon promptly reported the matter to Mr. Hughes, who, in the largeness of his heart, said:

The coins were greatly corroded, but could, after a little scouring, be plainly identified as good United States money. Among them were five of the old-fashioned octagon \$50 gold pieces, now almost extinct.

For years there has been a rumor to the effect that a treasure was buried somewhere near Morning Sun, and a number of interesting stories have been circulated concerning it. The farm upon which the money was found has been owned by scores of persons in the last fifty years, and is now rented by an estate.

Iron and Food.

Professor Bunge, in the course of a paper on iron as a medicine, read before the German Congress of Internal Medicine, has been ventilating some ideas which are as much a matter of general science (and therefore extremely important) as they are details connected with the physician's domain.

Cow's milk is poor in iron, but, as balancing this deficiency in the food of the young mammal, it is found that the blood of the youthful quadruped contains much more iron than the adult. Thus, in a young rabbit or guinea pig one hour old, four times as much iron was found as occurs in these animals two and a half months old.

Disasters to Swallows.

Although swallows are such wonderfully quick-sighted birds, and can change the direction of their flight with amazing rapidity and ease, it occasionally happens that they either do not perceive the danger lying in their path or are not quick enough to avert it, for I have once or twice, while fish-fishing for trout, accidentally knocked down and stunned a swallow.

Petrels and other sea birds have been known to collide while in mid-air, and drop into passing boats. Wild ducks are occasionally picked up on board ships that have been lying at anchor all night in some of our large rivers and estuaries.

A Shark for Jailer.

Jailer Jacquain has hit upon a novel idea to keep young boys from escaping from the city jail. The boys usually drop into the river and swim ashore.

Over twenty-eight per cent. of all our foreign immigrants has come from Germany.

Dr. Kline's Great Kidney and Bladder Troubles Pamphlet sent free to all who send for it.

The Shawls of Kashmir.

The beautiful arts and manufactures of Kashmir ought to be, and, in fact are, a source of wealth. But this wealth does not for the most part fill the pockets of the artisans.

The trade in shawls has greatly diminished in late years. The Franco-German war gave it a serious blow, for the French imported great quantities of these articles, and after that disastrous war it seems they could no longer afford such luxuries.

The most elaborate patterns take an extraordinary time to make—three years is not thought too long for a good shawl, and one day's work is practically invisible. Another odd arrangement is that the best shawls are made in a great number of small pieces, and these are then so skillfully sewed together that the joints are imperceptible on the right side, though quite visible on the wrong.

A MARVEL.

REMARKABLE AND ASTONISHING CURE OF AN EXTREME CASE OF ST. VITUS' DANCE.

From the Standard-Union, Brooklyn, N. Y. Too much hard study at school brought on St. Vitus' dance. Such was the common experience of Miss Glendora Rivers, daughter of Mrs. Amelia Rivers.

"For more than a year," said Miss Rivers, "doctors attended me without effecting the slightest change in my condition. If anything, I grew worse under their treatment, until February of this year, when my condition became critical."

"I had lost the complete use of my arms and limbs and speech. I could only swallow liquids, and these only as they fed me with a spoon, when they could get my mouth open. I wanted to sleep all the time. The stupor I laid in was something like a trance, and no doubt I would have died if they had not waked me up at intervals."

"The first week in March my mother, who is a sick nurse, was advised by a neighbor to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in my case. She got some of the pills—a box from Neilson's drug store, at the corner of Myrtle avenue and Hall street. Before I had taken half the contents of the box a remarkable change was noticed in my condition."

"Gradually I regained the use of my arms and limbs and speech, and by the time the pills were gone I was up and about the house almost well. But my mother thought it wise to get another box of the pills, and this she did, and here you see me stand before you with more strength and more ambition than I ever had."

"Some of our near neighbors attribute my regained body and health to some miraculous or supernatural agency; but my mother and most intimate friends know that the cure was effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

"Three weeks from the day I swallowed the first dose of the pills I was as well as you see me to-day."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature.

They are manufactured by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., and are sold by all druggists at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

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In the Northern States a large percentage of the illiterate are of foreign birth.

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Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

A Bank of the Year 600 B. C.

A BANK OF THE YEAR 600 B. C. The very earliest banking firm of which there is any record was that of Egibi & Son, an institution which carried on advance, exchange and general financial business in Babylon in the year 600 B. C.

Alaska's Wealth in Furs.

Fifteen hundred sea otter skins were brought to the traders by Alaska Indians this year, according to the estimate of a trader just returned to Seattle, Wash. Furs of bears and foxes aggregating many thousand dollars in value were also brought in.

Piso's Cure is a wonderful Cough medicine. Mrs. W. PICKER, Van Siclen and Blake Aves., Brooklyn, N. Y., October 26, 1894.

The Greatest Medical Discovery of the Age. KENNEDY'S Medical Discovery.

DONALD KENNEDY, OF ROXBURY, MASS.,

Has discovered in one of our common pasture weeds a remedy that cures every kind of Humor, from the worst Scrofula down to a common pimple.

He has tried it in over eleven hundred cases, and never failed except in two cases (both thunder humor). He has now in his possession over two hundred certificates of its value, all within twenty miles of Boston.

A benefit is always experienced from the first bottle, and a perfect cure is warranted when the right quantity is taken.

When the lungs are affected it causes shooting pains, like needles passing through them; the same with the Liver or Bowels. This is caused by the ducts being stopped, and always disappears in a week after taking it. Read the label.

If the stomach is foul or bilious it will cause squeamish feelings at first.

No change of diet ever necessary. Eat the best you can get, and enough of it. Dose, one tablespoonful in water at bedtime. Sold by all Druggists.

ROUND WICK LAMP GLASSERS

Bright light and perfectly trimmed wick, send 10 cents for STAK WICK TRIMMER to F. CUREDY, 27 Vine Street, Albany, N. Y.

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Mrs. Humphry Ward, who wrote "Robert Elsmere," is the author of "Sir George Tressady," a great novel which will appear in '96, exclusively in The

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Consumers should ask for, and be sure that they get, the genuine Walter Baker & Co.'s goods.

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What a satisfactory thing this is—to hide the odious taste of cod-liver oil, evade the tax on the stomach, take health by surprise.

There is no secret of what it is made of—the fish-fat taste is lost, but nothing is lost but the taste.

Purchase your druggist has a substitute for Scott's Emulsion. Beware the standard all others try to equal—ask for 39c to buy 75c.