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"About thirty years ago I bought a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor to stop my hair from falling out. One-half a bottle cured me. A few days ago my hair began to fall out again. I went to the medicine shelf and found the old bottle of Hair Vigor just as good as when I bought it." J. C. Baxter, Braidwood, Ill., Sept. 27, 1899.

Keeps Thirty Years

Write the Doctor

HELEN'S LUNATIC.

Helen Dacy went to Elgin—not because she was insane, but because she had a second cousin who was. Elgin is a beautiful town, but its street car service is not good, and Helen walked through the village up to the pleasant park with which the state has surrounded the asylum for the insane. It is a walk of considerable length from the gate of the grounds to the building, and Helen was to encounter a melancholy sight. As she went along the serpentine path a procession came toward her. There must have been a hundred men in it and they moved slowly and most of them walked with bowed heads. Their feet appeared to press the earth heavily. At first Helen thought it must be a funeral procession ...

... stopped still and they faced each other over the low shrubbery. What an agreeable looking creature he was with his soft brown eyes, his long, delicate face, and his high brow. He looked as if he might have been intended for a poet. Probably he had been, but had gone one step further. Helen had not read Lombroso for nothing.

"Do you ever write poetry?" she asked with genuine curiosity.

The man blushed. Helen had not dreamed a lunatic would blush.

"When I find a fitting subject," he confessed.

"Ah! And what should you consider a fitting subject?"

"Why, you!" The words came out explosively. They did not seem to be meant for a compliment. The man spoke pathetically. It seemed as if there were tears in his eyes. Helen answered as if he were a child.

"Do I seem so sad to you?" she asked. "Does it make the tears come in your eyes to look at me, poor man?"

"Indeed it does," he replied quite simply. "I think you are the saddest thing I ever saw."

"I wouldn't die for anything," she explained. "I like to live. I find plenty of things to laugh at." And to convince his wandering wits that she was the truth she broke into a merry laugh, which astonished the melancholy spirit of the place.

"If I give you my hand," said the man kindly, "will you not walk back with me to the house?"

To take his hand, to let him get a hold upon her! It was ghastly. He moved toward her. There seemed nothing for it but to run and run she did, speeding over the soft lawn with a rapidity that astonished herself. She could hear him calling to her, but she sped on till, finally, a hysterical impulse, born of her fright and fatigue, took hold of her. She began to laugh again, and the musical, half-weeping laughter floated behind her as she fled. Then, breathless, she stumbled in a ground mole's tunnel and fell flat. She buried her face in the grass and waited, her heart pounding with the stress of its work. A second later two arms were about her and she was lifted to her feet. She faced the lunatic. They were of a height and they stood looking at each other, both of them pale and trembling, his arm still supporting her.

"Poor child," he murmured, "how sorry I am that I frightened you. Perhaps I ought not to have run after you. But I was afraid you would leave the grounds and come to some harm."

She would have liked to have explained to him that one need not come to harm outside of their grounds, but perhaps it was as well that he thought otherwise. She would tell him the truth about herself. Perhaps he would understand. Ah, what a pity that such an engaging face should hide a ruined mind!

"You must try to understand," she said slowly, "that I do not live here in the—in the hospital. I am here for the first time. I have not yet been up to the—the building, you know. I came to visit a relative who is here. It seems a pleasant place. Have you been here long?"

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FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Horticultural Observations.

The question of whether bees puncture grapes has been discussed from various standpoints for a good many years and the conclusions reached by most thinkers and investigators on the subject are that bees do not puncture grapes, but suck the juice of grapes only after they have burst open or been bitten by birds. Prof. R. L. Fay ...

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Mr. ... of ... after carefully studying the soil, climate and temperature of San Juan county for several years, in the fall of 1892 planted a quantity of bulbs which he allowed to remain in their beds until the summer of 1894, when he found an enormous increase in all varieties. Not only was there a phenomenal increase in numbers, but the bulbs had also attained an unusual size, some tulip bulbs measuring seven and one-half inches in circumference. The blooms obtained from these bulbs are exceptionally fine and well developed, and are ready for the market two weeks earlier than those raised on the mainland.

About 400 tulip and hyacinth bulbs are now planted in Lincoln park, Chicago, which have been sent there by Mr. Gibbs from Washington, and their development is being watched with much interest by those in charge.

E. JACOBSON.

Preserving Fence Posts.

The lime treatment is as good as any and the cheapest. The only effect of an antiseptic for preserving timber is to remove the acids of the wood, and to fill the cells with an indestructible mineral deposit, thus preventing decay, says H. S. in Rural New Yorker. After much practice with the various timber preservatives for use in such special cases, as in mines, and for bridges, I have not learned of any material better than common lime. It has been found so effective in this way, that ships are now in existence and seaworthy in every way, which are over a century old, and have been all that time carrying lime as their principal cargoes. Timber has been found in ancient buildings, perfectly sound after centuries of burial in lime or cement mortar. From some experience, I am satisfied that the lime treatment, simple and cheap as it is, is equally effective as the various other treatments by much more expensive materials.

How to Use It.—My method has been to saturate the timber which has been put into bridges ... ... when the pit is filled, water is thrown on to slake the lime into a paste, as if for mortar. The lime, in expanding, fills in tightly between the posts, and making a great heat, drives the moisture out of the timber, and seasons it. Water is added as the lime slakes, until it is a semi-liquid mass. Then as the lime and the heated timber cool, the vacuum created in the timber by the previous heating, is immediately filled by the lime water, and the cellulose, with all the acids which are neutralized in this way, becomes mineralized, and decay of the timber is prevented. There is nothing new in this way, any more than there was in the advice given to the leper to "go wash and be clean." But it is quite as effective a way as any of the more costly chemical methods of treating timber to increase its durability or prevent its decay. Of course it is necessary to immerse the posts in the pit deep enough to treat them as far as, or something more than, the timber will be set in the ground ...

Carpet Grass.

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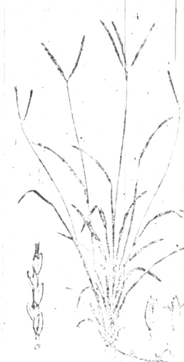

Grasses as Sand Soil Binders.

A government report says the ... along the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts and also along the Great Lakes and along some of our larger rivers which, because of their unstable character, are a serious menace to life and property, could in many cases be reclaimed and converted into valuable pasture and meadow lands. The study of the grasses suitable for binding these sands has been extended along the Atlantic coast as far south as Florida, also to various points on the Pacific coast and along the Columbia River in Washington and Oregon. Several native sand binders of great promise have been discovered, and their utilization in a practical way has been undertaken. The seaside blue grass, a native of the sand dunes along the Oregon coast, where it grows abundantly, is said to be a good forage grass as well as an excellent sand binder, and has been successfully introduced along the sand dunes of Lake Michigan. The binding of drifting sands and embankments about fortifications along the coast is a serious problem which confronts the authorities of the war department.

Goat Mutton.—That goats are killed and sold on the Chicago sheep market for mutton is quite true, and the yearly aggregate of such sales runs up into tens of thousands, but for the most part these goats sold for mutton are culls from the grade flocks of the northwest and southwest, many of them not at all calculated to reflect credit either upon their kind, or the mutton for which they are sold. The Angora kid, young doe, or young wether, are equal in flavor and delicacy of flesh to the best lamb or young mutton, and the day is not distant when they will be marketed, killed, sold and consumed under their own name and without the makeshift of a reprehensible disguise. The old wether or bill goat meat is only fit for hogs and savages, but the flesh of the fat young kid or nannie turns a morsel fit for a king.—Ex.

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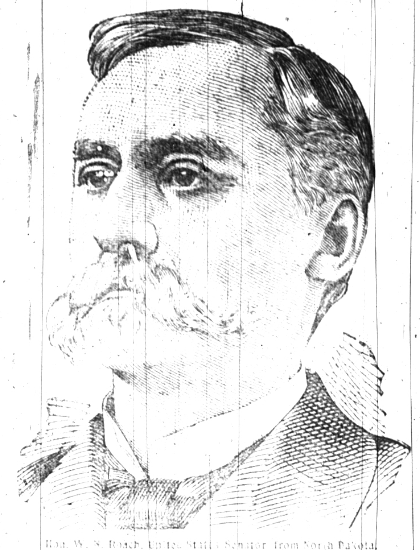

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