

FRANCE NOTES

DON'T BE ANGRY WITH ME, DARLING.

Don't be angry with me, darling. You'll be sorry you ever saw me. And regret those words you say. For you know how well I love you. How I've lived my life for you. Then you have said to me: "Then why treat me as you do?"

I'm the one true friend you have, dear. Others care not for you. Drinking friends will prove false, and as we swirl the wine in your glass. In your face there'll come deep wrinkles. Then black curls will come down your face. Then should God have called your loved one— Who will cheer your lonely way?

Who will be at home to welcome me and to greet you? Who will soothe your pain in sickness— to help you in distress? Who'll befriend the poor, drunkard staggering homeless through the street? Whose hand in love and pity— Whose hand in love and pity—

Ah! then, darling, quit the drinking! Be my own true boy once more. Heart to heart will cling together. All our earthly life be so. Then when carousal pain have vanished and we're reeling— Oh, how sweet will be the reaping. In that harvest time in the National— Florence Fish Smith, in Reading Adv. vum.

RUIM TRAGEDY IN AFRICA.

How Natives are Doped and Cheated By the Whites.

Rev. W. P. Dodson, South Africa, writes:

"I witnessed in the town of Donod, Angola, at the head of navigation of the Quanza river, the process by which trade with the natives is made a farce, and his life forfeited as well as his produce. It was an unusually fine season for the rubber trade and large baskets were brought down from the interior by thousands of natives arriving in large companies, entering the town in single file, singing as they came. The first act of the trader was to get as many of these as he could into his large yard and give them rum and a present of tobacco. Drinking was followed by drunkenness and drunkenness by frenzy, and in this state the poor wretches were allowed to march in companies dressed in flashing colors, carrying guns and brandishing knives along the street in wild mock fights. Then came the weighing of their valuable rubber with a falsified balance, their payment partly in rum, and their dismal—each stage lubricated with rum. I went back to the interior from that town, and having shortly to return to the coast I saw the narrow trail lined on either side with many parlor suites, rugs, and everything you brush and marked by a stick from which floated a rag from the clothes of the poor wretch who laid his drunken and exhausted body down on the rug so near. And this was the return for that rich product which might have furnished means for developing many a happy, sober, native. Cheap rum, rags, a consumption made impossible by rum."

FATAL TO LONG LIFE.

Alcoholic Drinks Cut Years Off a Man's Life.

In the Klincksahn Jahrbuch, an official Prussian publication, Prof. Guttstadt, of Berlin, publishes investigations regarding the mortality of men engaged in drink trades, and compares these deaths with the mortality statistics of men engaged in different occupations, and insured in the Gotha Life Insurance Company. According to these statistics a bartender has six times the chance of dying before 40 that a clergyman has. Then as to diseases. The deaths of 1,000 men over 25 years are taken as a standard. In Prussia, every 1,000 deaths 161 are from tuberculosis. But of every 1,000 deaths among bar tenders 556 are from tuberculosis; among brewery employees, 345; school teachers, 113; physicians, 113; and clergy 76. In the statistics of accidents among the 134,733 miners in Ober-Schlesien, the sum total of deaths is 145, or 50 accidents to the thousand. Among the 100,994 brewers and maltsters of Germany there were 1,963 accidents, or 18.6 per thousand. The fatality is higher average than in any other trade, even the most perilous, and gives point, as Prof. Guttstadt remarks, to the grim jest which attributes to the grim name of the "beer leiche" (beer corpse). It is accounted for by the fact that six to eight litres of free beer daily are allowed all the hands.

French Workers and Alcohol.

An interesting item comes from Paris. A society has been formed for the purpose of carrying on the business of painters, decorators, picture frame makers and painters of "porcelain in oils." The articles of the association provide that no workman shall be admitted to membership who has not been for six months a member of a temperance society, pledged to total abstinence from spirits. Any one breaking this rule will be severely reprimanded for the first offense, and a second offense will result in expulsion from the society. Five per cent of the profits will be devoted to the promotion of temperance. The inauguration of such a society in France shows clearly how rapidly France is moving.

Local Option for Gambling.

One will always find the gambler. As an illustration the gamblers of New Hampshire are talking up a local option law for pool selling, just as the stockholders in that state how have it for liquor selling.

Coffin Nails.

Cigarrettes have often been called "coffin nails," because they hasten a lay into his coffin, for the more cigars a man smokes the sooner he will be put into his coffin.

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ROAD AND FARM IMPROVEMENT

STORING WATER.

How a Reservoir Can Be Cheaply Built at the Spring.

An easy way to make a reservoir at the spring is to throw up a bank, perhaps laying a wall first, founding it below the surface. I have seen many such reservoirs excavated at great expense, sometimes in the solid rock, at the useless expenditure of money. By going down hill a few feet it would have been done with clay and puddle the clay, as shown in cut. These

Dam for Spring Reservoir.

Rules apply to all dams made of stone and earth.

Placing material in the reservoir should enter at the bottom and the soil be well puddled around them to prevent the water working through beside the dam. Each pile should be placed a strainer over its supply end and have no airholes in its entire length.

A good strainer can be made from a piece of large lead or galvanized iron, as shown, says Farm and Home. One end may be flattened or turned over and the other drawn on a pipe. Each pile should be placed a strainer over its supply end and have no airholes in its entire length.

DUST PREVENTION ON ROADS.

Application of Tar Being Tried in the Vicinity of Troy, N. Y.

A modification of the common method of using tar on a public highway for the purpose of laying dust is reported from the vicinity of Troy, New York state. The experiment is being tried by State Engineer Van Alstyne, in a village of considerable size. The first step is to sprinkle hot tar on the road, and then to fill up low spots with screenings. When the surface has been well packed by means, a second application is made. The job is not considered complete, though, until there has been a third coating. Before being used, the tar is boiled to drive off any water it may contain.

AGRICULTURAL POINTS.

The farm is what a fellow makes it. Faith is the father of profit in farming.

The frost strikes deep in well-drained soil.

Advice to those about to farm—Keep your tools bright, your fences tight and your heart light.

Stone harvest lasts from November to March. During the latter part of the year other things interfere with it.

It is poor management to go without things that are needed, in order to hoard up money. Human necessities come first.

The depth of the water table in the soil will regulate to a considerable degree the moisture of the soil. The water table should not be nearer to the surface than 20 inches and may be ten feet below the surface in very fine soils.

THE TINKERING WOMAN.

Get Her a Kit of Tools and Teach Her How to Use Them.

See to it, good farmer friend, that your wife or handy daughter has a kit of tools for her own use.

By a "kit" I mean the very much needed articles of your workshop that she has to use and borrow from you (perhaps forgetting to replace them), for instance: Hammer, gimlet, hand saw, screw driver, file, pliers, box of mixed nails and screws, screw driver, and, strange as it may sound, a miter-box and a double glue pot.

You will be surprised to find how much of your very valuable time will thus be saved; and you may also be astonished at the amount of good work in carpentering accomplished by the good ladies of your household.

A discarded miter-box and a few feet of molding, left by a busy workman, can be done to the good wife, resulted in a very durable and handsome picture frame that gave great pride to the house manufacturer.

The kit of today is beginning to look to cabinet-making and other branches of industry that heretofore were looked upon as the sole domain of men. It is able to be a brother. We encourage the girls in the use of necessary tools on a farm, writes Kendall Perry, in Farm Success. Then perhaps we may follow that have a few hinges, knobless doors to look after on a rainy day. Or perhaps we might let the girls try to broken down, if the cats got out when we were away thrashing.

Diagram of Roller.

The rear beam is six feet long, the front beam being notched into the two end beams. The tongue and braces are placed under the board in front so that the frame will be all lined. The general method of placing is shown in our second illustration.

The entire frame is six feet long with 60 penny spikes, except where two bolts are used in the tongue. The rear corners are strengthened with old strips of iron flanges and iron washers. The front corners are strengthened with 60 penny spikes. This material can be bought at most any junk shop or blacksmith's iron yard.

The roller will run but not more than 20 inches in diameter. Your space in frame is only 24 inches wide.

Why Pay Cream.

The Iowa dairy commissioner says that one of the causes of thin and poor cream is the so-called water "separation" of the milk. The milk is not broken down, thus hand-separated cream, for one thing.

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