

ANTS AND REPTILES INFEST THE LONE STAR STATE.

Family Killed by a Centipede that In a Coffee Pot--Fight Between a Snake and a Rattlesnake--Red Ants.

spent a number of years in Texas, while there learned much of interest regarding the poisonous reptiles of that state." Said an old settler to a New York Sun reporter...

their residence which is impossible. The ant mound is a...

every direction and extend nobody knows where. Around the entrance, hurrying to and fro, can be seen at any time countless numbers of these little busybodies, scurrying here and there...

EVAPORATED FRUIT.

A Great Industry That Has Grown Up Around Rochester.

In 1871 Elam Hatch, a farmer living in the town of Webster, by accident discovered that sliced apples could be made a clear, pure white by the use of fumes of brimstone.

Industries he expressed surprise. He actually believed that nothing was done by the inhabitants here except the preparation of dried fruit, so well known is the Rochester product.

THE USE OF OLD HATS.

One of the Most Important Parts of Man's

Formerly the United States imported the major part of the hats used within its borders from Europe, especially from England, Germany and France, the latter and Vienna furnishing the best quality of silk hats.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES

ITEMS OF TIMELY INTEREST TO THE FARMERS.

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WATERING HORSES AT WORK.

It used to be the rule to keep horses from drinking at noon or night after they had been working through the forenoon or afternoon, until they had eaten their feed, and had cooled down.

STORING APPLES IN BOXES.

Square boxes, with open tops, and separated by cleats nailed across the corners, so as to allow air to circulate over them, are better than barrels to store apples in.

TURKEYS.

There are not nearly as many turkeys grown as there should be. There is never a year that turkeys are not more profitable than hogs, for they always bring a good price in the markets, and the supply is rarely equal to the demand.

BRAIN AND MUSCLE.

The man who uses both brains and muscle will far outstrip in the race of life the man who uses only his muscles. This is true in every calling in which men engage, but especially is it true in farming.

A view to doing it most economically. This can be done by a judicious distribution of work which will keep hands and teams reasonably busy during all seasons of the year, instead of hiring help and rushing at some seasons, and then taking it easy for a considerable spell.

SUNFLOWER CULTURE.

The cultivation of sunflowers is being advocated as an agricultural industry. In support of this departure in Western farm crop enterprises it is asserted that the better varieties of sunflowers yield a gallon of oil to the bushel of seed, and that an average crop will produce from 40 to 50 bushels of seed per acre.

HOW TO REMOVE RANK FLAVOR.

In reply to the question, "How can I remove rank grass taste from milk and butter?" the Dairy Editor of the Prairie Farmer gives the following bit of experience, which may be helpful to some of our readers who have pastures that are full of weeds.