

EGYPTIAN COTTON GIN.

Official Test by the Agricultural Department at Cuero, Tex.

Proves a Success and Will Result in a More General Raising of Egyptian Cotton in Texas.

An official roller gin test, conducted under the direction of the office of fiber investigations of the department of agriculture at Cuero, Tex., upon Texas-grown Egyptian cotton, has just been concluded, with most successful and gratifying results.

A serious obstacle to success has been the need of a proper gin to separate the seed from the flut, the ordinary gin injuring the cotton to a ruinous degree, but this has been overcome by a special form of gin.

The engineer expert states that the cotton produced from the Egyptian seed planted in Texas is stronger than the native Egyptian, as is indicated by the yield per hour in ginning.

SUCCESS WITH AN AIRSHIP.

Young Edison Believes He Has a Machine That Will Navigate the Air.

Young Thomas A. Edison, Jr., is experimenting with an airship, which he believes will be successful.

"It was at this point that I conceived the really new principle. It struck me that it would be a good idea to inflate the sails with gas, thus making them serve as balloons, as well as supplying the sailing power.

INTERVIEWS THE PRESIDENT.

A Little Three-Year-Old Has a Talk with Mr. McKinley.

A little three-year-old girl, Lizzie Van Natta, of Plainfield, furnished the most picturesque incident of President McKinley's recent trip to New York.

MAY RAISE FINE TOBACCO.

Secretary Wilson Believes Florida Can Do as Well as Cuba.

Secretary Wilson, of the agriculture department, will leave Washington shortly for a visit to the south, the objective points being North and South Carolina and Florida.

HAD SEEN IT ALL.

A young fellow who drank much more than was good for him was advised by his friends to take the gold cure, but he refused.

NEW DESIGNS IN BATTLE SHIPS.

Austrian Makes Claims That Will Revolutionize Warships.

If the claims submitted to the navy department by Moritz Stoeber, an Austrian inventor, are justified, many important changes will have to be made in warship construction.

He finds the solution of the gun problem in pieces of very large caliber, which, through a secret mechanism, are maintained at any required range, both in train and elevation.

WOMAN TO BE REPRESENTED.

Discovery Which Leads to Change in Albany Capital Carvings.

Woman will be represented in the artistic decorative work in the new state capital building at Albany, N. Y., as a result of the discovery made by Superintendent Aldridge.

OFFERED A KINGSHIP.

Sailor Rescued from an Island Tells a Wonderful Story.

The strange story of a sailor, which Capt. Harry Galloway brought into San Francisco the other night from New York, had on board three shipwrecked sailors.

AFTER A POWDER TRUST.

California Manufacturers Said to Be in a Combination.

The San Francisco Examiner says: The powder manufacturers of the eastern and western hemispheres have been bound together since August, 1897, in a trust which controls absolutely the trade in explosives.

WANTS GUM-CHEWING STOPPED.

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Bishop John H. Vincent, of the Methodist Episcopal church, appearing before the State Temperance union, at Topeka, Kan., the other day, appealed to his hearers to take up the chewing gum habit and to persevere until it is crushed out of Kansas.

A Nicaraguan Restriction.

In Nicaragua no private person may retain more than two pounds of powder, five of lead, 500 grains and 200 cartridges, no matter in how many places they may be deposited, under penalty of being considered and being dealt with as a smuggler.

LOT OF QUEER LETTERS.

Amusing Communications Received by Pension Department.

Alleged Doctors Write Letters to Secure Pensions for Their Patients That Would Make a Horse Laugh.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Davis frequently receives remarkable letters from country physicians in regard to some pension claims.

"Snaky Mills—February 20, 1897—Sur: I surly I treated the seef sojer from Davis—formerly his stunk tub was joined to his nervous system but now it air rotted off costing gear exporting and hard of breath—Your Obedt servant."

It will be noted that the "Dr." is mixed in his dates as well as in his pathology. Here is another doctor, whose treatment could well be confined to horses:

"Amblers, June 8, 1896—Dear Sir: Yours received I treated Wm. Adams after he came Hoam from the surff for polypus in his polypus from the nite and exposure—the wounde cure from the cick of a horse—"

And here is one on the root doctor: Strath—March 20, 1896—President of Pensioners—let you no I have mending milk woe for running road and no avale. Iff my clam is loudie I can vote with a free concents."

But here is one from an old fellow who had no faith in doctors and cured himself: "Barbershop—Sep 14, 1895—Sir: At Hermuda-Hend I had a great deal trouble with my bowels. The Dr. he gave me quinine—no good. One day a member of our band—the name I forgot—gave me 4 boxes of Pills. I was helped. At Red River I was again attacked with despesia and bowels. I went and got a bottle of French wine and a pound of cheese which cured me at once. The Dr. told me no good. While in Tennessee I got a stroke and now I have cold air resting on my lungs and Arceles Pictorials which the Dr. says is a result of stroke."

"I think," said the secretary, "one could stand the bottle of French red wine and the pound of cheese, but the Angelina Pictorials are to be dreaded. "A week or so ago," he continued, "I had a letter from a German, who claimed a pension because on the 19th of Sep 1887 I lifted a hog over a fence and have suffered from asthma ever since."

While letters like these would provoke the risibilities of anyone, Assistant Secretary Davis gives the most careful attention to every communication he receives.

OIL FOR NAVAL VESSELS.

Successful Experiments That May Work a Revolution.

The report of the board of engineers which has been conducting experiments with kerosene oil as fuel on the torpedo boat Stiletto, at New York, has been made to the secretary of the navy and his recommendations, which are strongly fortified, meet with the executive approval, a revolution in firing naval vessels will be fairly begun.

The board found that the oil fuel was incomparably superior to coal in every way, particularly for small vessels, chief among the advantages being economy, ease of handling, reduced friction, absence of waste and higher calorific capacity. It was found in actual practice that the Stiletto ranges miles on a ton of oil and 50 miles on a ton of coal.

The result of the oil burning appliance which is now in use, is that the ready use of oil is unobtainable, permitting the use of coal at any time. The board recommends that the apparatus already installed in the Stiletto be continued in use, and that similar improved be made for utilizing the improved system in all the other torpedo boats.

Additional experiments are needed to demonstrate the practical use of the liquid fuel on larger vessels, where arrangements must be made to carry enormous quantities of crude petroleum.

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He asserted that the chewing gum vice had made millionaires out of a few men in a few years, and instead of doing any good whatever, was encouraging dangerous habits among the people.

He argued that the foundation of temperance reform should be laid at the chewing gum age of childhood, as the habit was a sort of self-indulgence that should be restrained. If the child's will was educated to resist this habit it could be easier trained to resist other habits.

The bishop was particular in his criticism of the chewing gum girl, and urged that she should be given to understand that the indulgence of the habit was to her discredit.

Among royalties Queen Christina of Spain is an accomplished musician. Not only is she a good pianist and a singer, but she is also a violinist, and a lullaby song of her composition, written for her son, is said to be very charming. She is the patroness of the young musicians in Spain, and the music of the German composers—and to this end they have ordered that the Spanish military bands shall include classical music in their repertoire.

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