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TUESDAY.

A MACHINE FOR CUTTING GREEN CORN FROM THE COB.

A machine for this purpose has been invented by J. Burt and L. F. Dunn, members of the Oneida Community; and for which, measures have already been taken to secure a patent. This machine will be found well adapted to the use of large boarding-houses where corn in considerable quantity has to be prepared for the table. The particular design, however, in getting it up has been to facilitate the business of preserving corn in cans. For this purpose it was thoroughly tested last summer at the Oneida Community and was found to perform the work of six persons with knives. The Oneida Community are now prepared to manufacture these machines to order on short notice. They will be furnished to boarding-houses for a small advance on the cost of manufacturing. To other parties, the price will be proportioned to the amount of business to be done. [THE CIRCULAR is invited to copy the above.]

Mr. Hazelton and Homer left this morning. He goes to Strafford, Vermont, where he expects to find a place

for Homer. Beyond this, he has no settled plans. He seems to be the victim of false spiritualism and false social theories which have prevented him from coming into organization with the family, and until his eyes are opened to his condition and need of salvation, it is better for both sides that he withdraw. We wish him well—thorough emancipation from the bondage he is now in.

Mrs. L. A. Thayer received by this morning's mail a letter from Mrs. Mead, relative to Lady Noyes's death, and expressing her appreciation of the kindness and care with which her mother was attended by the Community, and by Mrs. Thayer in particular.

Last night, the fruit-growers being a little apprehensive of another frost, F. Marks and Orrin spent great part of the night in warding off the enemy by burning brush-heaps in the neighborhood of the plum orchard. Let us think of this in Summer when we eat the fruit.

Arrived last night, Mr. Easton with his two children, Emily and George. When Temple met Emily, who, he thought, required a little encouragement, he raised his forefinger in quite a dignified manner, and said, "If you stay here, you will get *inquainted* with us."

Every one is charmed with the beautiful weather we are having to-day. Spring, beaten back in her early advance by her wintry competitor, is returning to the charge with new vigor, and bids fair now to conquer and permanently occupy the field. We wish her complete and unchecked success.

Two pairs of robins, lately married, we suppose, have commenced building among the evergreens close to the window of the children's house. They very likely expect to have a family themselves, and have no doubt chosen their site, with the view of having *their children* brought up as near to ours as possible. As their nests appear somewhat feathery, we may perhaps consider them as "wings" to the children's house.

The family were pleased on first stirring about, this morning, to find THE CIRCULARS already distributed through the rooms, they having arrived by the same train that brought Brother Ambrose.

Several of the hermit-thrushes have been heard in the woods about here this spring. One was heard the other evening in the cedar swamp across the creek, on the Petrie farm.

The purple finches also are quite numerous in this section, and are very musical. The Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture states that this bird is on the increase in some of the Northern States.

The annual campaign against the apple-tree worms has begun. We notice that Mr Perkins has been trying the effect of kerosene oil on some of the nests. It is an extinguisher of the worms. Two years ago, the writer of this, while at Wallingford, thoroughly tested oil—common machine or lamp oil—as a remedy for these worms. A few drops spurted from an oil-can into

the center of one of their nests, would in a few minutes effectually kill all that came in contact with it.

The north wing of the Store is now going up.

The first corn of the season was planted yesterday.

The conversation last evening related mostly to the ideas advanced by Mr. Noyes in the criticism of G. E. C. in regard to the body being the temple of God. There was a general confession of sympathy with the doctrine, and a desire to more thoroughly study and understand it. At the close of conversation, Mr. Hamilton remarked as follows:

“If we are going to make the most of our circumstances, and of ourselves as men and women, we must have a great deal of spiritual boldness and faith. We must draw nigh to God with a great deal of assurance. The kingdom of heaven, in one sense, suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. Persons should first be honest of heart, and then bold. I am satisfied God likes that quality of spiritual boldness, enterprise and faith.”

METEOROLOGICAL.

Thermometer, May 7.

6 A. M. 32. Bright frosty morning with no wind.

12 M. 56. Clear.

6 P. M. 53.