

Edison's Home Life.

Thomas A. Edison, while in Pittsburg recently attending to his patent suit with Westinghouse, was interviewed by a Dispatch reporter, to whom he revealed some of the characteristics of his mode of living: "Yes, I am a hard worker. I hardly ever sleep more than four hours per day, and I could keep this up for a year. Sometimes I sleep ten hours, but I don't feel well when I do. If I would sleep eight hours, as most men do, I would wake up feeling badly. My eyes would hurt me, and I would have a tough time to keep awake. I inherit this from my father. He is a remarkable old man, eating little and sleeping less. I have known him often when I was a boy, to sit up all night talking politics with a friend or swapping stories. I eat about a pound a day, and my food is very simple, consisting of some toast, a little potato, or something of that kind. You know when I am working on anything I keep at it night and day, sleeping a few hours with my clothes on. I never take them off; don't even wash my face; could not think of such a thing, and in this condition I take my meals. If I were to remove my clothes when I slept, I would get up feeling out of shape, and with no desire to go to work. "No. 6" is my den in the laboratory, and I shut myself in there and hustle.

I sleep from 1 to 6 in the morning, and then I jump up and go to work again as fresh as a bird. This is all the sleep I need. "But I tell you we have lots of fun in the laboratory. Some time ago I had forty-two men working with me in the incandescent lamp in a big building. I hired a German to play an organ for us all night, and we worked by the music. About 1 o'clock a farmer brought in our lunch, and we ate from a long table. At first the boys had some difficulty in keeping awake, and would go to sleep under stairways and in the corners. We employed watchers to bring them out, and in time they got used to it. After awhile I didn't need forty-two of them, and I discharged six of them. Well, do you know, I couldn't drive them away. They stayed there and worked for nothing. "Oh, we enjoy this kind of life! Every now and then I hire a big schooner, and we go down the bay, my men and myself, to fish for a few days. Then we come back and buckle down to it again."

To Keep Iron Pipes from Rusting.

A simple and economical way of tarring sheet iron pipes to keep them from rusting is the following suggested by a correspondent of the Gas Light Journal: The sections as made should be coated with coal tar and then filled with light wood shavings, and the latter set on fire. It is declared that the effect of this treatment will be to render the iron practically proof against rust for an indefinite period, rendering future painting unnecessary. In proof of this assertion the writer cites the example of a chimney of sheet iron erected in 1866, and which, through being treated as he describes, is as bright and sound today as when erected, though it has never had a brushful of paint applied to it since. It is suggested that by strongly heating the iron after the tar is laid on the outside, the latter is literally burnt into the metal, closing the pores and rendering it rust proof in a far more complete manner than if the tar itself was first made hot and applied to cold iron, according to the usual practice. It is important, of course, that the iron should not be made too hot, or kept hot for too long a time, lest the tar should be burnt off. Hence the direction for the use of light shavings instead of any other means of heating.

Summerside Exports.

Table listing exports from Summerside, July 31. Includes items like 162 cases eggs, 26 hrs mackerel, 5 horses, 31 lambs, 7 sheep, 1 bel pork, 250 lbs hams, 7 horses, 100 lambs, 22 sheep, 300 lbs leather, 85 cases eggs, 14 hrs mackerel.

SHIP NEWS.

S'ide, July 31—Ent Blondel, Weston, Richibucto, lum; Emma McMillan, Brydges, do; S G Marshall, Malloy, do; Sylvia Jane, Wright, do; Minnie Scott, Allen, Cape Tormentine, do; G H Weeks, Vanenburg, Verre, do; Advance, Orr, Richibucto, do. Old 31—Emma McMillan, Brydges, Richibucto, hal; S G Marshall, Malloy, do. Aug 1—Sylvia Jane, Wright, do; Minnie Scott, Allen, Baie Verte, do; G H Weeks, Vanenburg, Richibucto, do; Blondel, Weston, Richibucto, outs.

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