

immigrants of the treatment they receive, but will endeavor to do so during the session of Congress, particularly if the subject should receive your attention.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

It has been the aim of the administration to enforce honesty and efficiency in public service. He who has violated the trust placed in him should be proceeded against with all the vigor of the law. If bad men have secured places it has been the fault of the system established by law and custom for making appointments, or the fault of those who recommended for Government positions persons not sufficiently known to them personally, or who give letters endorsing the character of office-seekers without a proper sense of the grave responsibility which such a course devolves upon them. A civil service reform which can in a measure correct this abuse is much desired. In mercantile pursuits the business man who gives a letter of recommendation to a friend to enable him to obtain credit for a stranger is regarded as morally responsible for the integrity of his friend and his ability to meet his obligations. To enforce this principle against all holders of persons for public place would insure great caution in making recommendations. A salutary lesson has been taught the careless and dishonest servant in the great number of prosecutions and convictions of the last two years. It is gratifying to notice the favorable change which is taking place throughout the country in bringing to punishment those who have proved recreant to the trusts confided to them, and in elevating to the public office men who possess the confidence of the honest and virtuous, who, it will always be found, comprise the majority of the community in which they live.

In my message to Congress one year ago I urgently recommended a reform in the civil service of the country. In conformity with that recommendation, Congress, in the ninth section of an act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1871, gave the necessary authority to the Executive to inaugurate a civil service reform, and placed upon him the responsibility of doing so. Under the authority of said act, I convened a board of gentlemen eminently qualified for the work, to devise rules and regulations to effect the needed reform. Their labors are not yet completed, but it is believed that they will succeed in devising a plan which can be adopted, to the great relief of the executive heads of departments and members of Congress, and which will redound to the interests of the public service. At all events, the experiment shall have a fair trial.

CONCLUSION.

I have thus hastily summed up the operations of the Government during the last year, and made such suggestions as occur to me to be proper for your consideration. I submit them with a confidence that your combined actions will be wise, statesmanlike, and in the best interests of the whole country.

(Signed) U. S. GRANT, President.
Executive Mansion, Dec. 4, 1871.

AGRICULTURAL.

TICKS ON HORSES.—A correspondent writing to the *Engle City Guard* says that one gallon of fish oil, half a gallon of coal oil, and half a gallon of spirits of turpentine mixed together and rubbed into the hair of a horse when ticks have fastened, will cause them to immediately let loose and drop off. It will also remove vermin from calves and other stock. He claims that this mixture is perfectly harmless, and healing to the wounds inflicted by the ticks.

If some catastrophe should at a blow destroy a tenth of the crops of the country, we should think ourselves an afflicted people. But it is not only safe to say that after the crops are housed or stacked at least ten per cent. of them become the prey of rats and mice. Grain in the mow, and corn in the crib, especially suffer. The best way to escape loss is to thrash early, and either to market the grain at once or store in a rat proof bin. When thrashing reaches about five per cent. of the grain is easily lost by not feeding the machine properly. A thrashing machine should be fed by a careful hand in such a regular manner as to keep a steady and rapid motion, and maintain a constant and sonorous hum. Keep an eye on the straw to see that it is coming clean.—*Heath and Home.*

Hogs are dying off with a singular disease in Marquette, Washington, Malak and Tama counties, Iowa. They first begin to reel and stagger, and their ears and the inside of their legs turn purple before they die. No effectual remedies can be found.

CURING A VICIOUS HORSE.—I have seen vicious horses in Egypt cured of the habit of biting, by presenting to them, while in the act of doing so, a leg of mutton just taken from the fire. The pain which a horse feels in biting through the hot meat causes it, after a few lessons, to abandon the vicious habit.

A NEW METHOD OF PACKING BUTTER.—A Michigan dairyman has lately published his method of packing butter. He has oaken tubs, with heads at each end. They are fourteen inches in diameter at the top, nine inches at the bottom and sixteen inches high. In packing, a cambric bag is made to fit the tub. The butter is packed in the tub as it stands on the small end—the sack being long enough to extend above the edges of the tub—and is pressed down firmly until within an inch and a half of the top, when a circular cloth is laid over it, the edges of the sack turned down over that, and a layer of fine salt placed on it. The head is now put in its place, the tub turned up, and the butter in the sack, of course falling down to the bottom, leaves a space all around it, which is filled with brine, poured through a hole in the small end. When full the hole is corked up tight. The butter floats in the brine and is effectually preserved from the air, and will keep for an almost indefinite period.

HUMOROUS.

An Irishman being asked why he left Ireland for America, replied: "It wasn't for want; I had plenty of that at home."

Dialogue in Chicago.—"Well Jim, are you burnt out?" Jim: "Not I, I don't drink."

Jones says that he first met his wife in a storm, took her to the first ball in a storm, popped the question in a storm, married her in a storm, lived his subsequent life in a storm, but buried her in pleasant weather.

Napoleon the First used to carry with him when he went hunting fifty bottles of wine, but never touched it. On one occasion he was thirsty, and ordered a glass. "All gone," said the valet. "Hereafter take fifty-one bottles, and keep one for me."

An Iowa clergyman charges couples four cents a pound to wed them.

A city man, who knows all about farming, says the best way to raise strawberries is with a spoon.

Note for oil merchants—where a boy, and you will find him full of blubber.

"Astonishing cure for consumption," as the old lady said when she sprinkled snuff on her boarders' hash.

A Gentleman, at whose house Swift was dining in Ireland, after dinner introduced remarkably small hock-glasses, and at length turning to Swift addressed him: "Mr. Dean, I shall be happy to take a glass of hock, hoo, with you." "Sir," rejoined the doctor, "I shall be happy to comply but it must be out of a *juvies* glass."

A bachelor friend of ours, passing up street one day, picked up a thimble. He stood for a moment meditating upon the probable owner, when, pressing it to his lips, he said: "O, that it was the fair lips of the owner!"

Just as he had finished, a big fat, ugly, black wench, looked out of an upper window, and said!

"Boss, jis please to frow dat fumble in de entry. I jis drap it."

Mr. J. L. Parrish was driving a band of sheep the other day with a Dutchman for his assistant, and noticing that one of the band went lame, he asked: "Jacob what is the matter?" and Jacob gave the following lucid reply: "He hash got kicked in hish hindt shoulder, and it makes him lame in hish fore thigh." That was all that was the matter with that sheep.

A polite old gentleman of Oswego wears a wig. One windy morning he was unlucky enough to express the wish that his hat was stuck to his head in the hearing of a mischievous nephew. The nephew took the hint, and muddled the old gentleman's hat. "Old gentleman went down the street; met a handsome young lady acquaintance, in whose opinion he would stand well; politely attempted to lift his hat. Consequence better imagined than described.

Ben. Johnson, hearing that Lord Craven was anxious to see him, went to his lordship's house. Being in a tattered condition, the porter refused to admit the poet, and addressed him in impertinent language, which Ben did not fail to return. While they were wrangling Lord Craven came out and desired to know the cause of the quarrel. Johnson immediately said: "Your lordship wishes to see me?" "You friend," replied the lord, "who are you?" Ben. Johnson: "No, no, you cannot be Ben. Johnson who wrote the 'Silent Woman.' You look as if you could not say bosh to a jack-ass!" "Bosh!" exclaimed Ben, promptly. "Very Well," said his lordship, better pleased at the joke than offended at the affront, "I am now convinced of your identity."

An autograph collector, knowing the lively antipathy of Oliver Wendell Holmes to creatures of his class, and wishing to capture a specimen of the metaphysician's schizophography, adopted the heartless subterfuge of asking by letter: "Which do you think the best dictionary—Webster's or Worcester's?"—a question which he believed Holmes' courtesy would compel him to answer. The return mail brought a single sheet of note paper, on which was neatly pasted the one word, clipped from the writer's own letter, "Webster's."

The New York *Tribune* has quit telling people "you lie, you villain, you lie," and now accuses them of "using the truth with penurious frugality."

A gentleman rode up to a public house in the country and asked: "Who is the master of this house?" "I am, sir," replied the landlord; "my wife has been dead about three weeks."

A lofty Arabian, with an elevation of eight feet on a foundation of two, and having a total weight of five hundred pounds, has been traveling between New York and Boston.

On a ten dollar bill recently received by a New England bank was written: "This is the last of \$10,000 left me by a fond and devoted father—all spent in liquor and other dissipation." The old, old story.

A Louisville boy amuses himself by shooting pins into people's hands with a little machine of his own invention. Another is the happy possessor of an India-rubber sling, with which he can throw a stone fifty yards with precision and velocity sufficient to kill a man. Ah, the innocent sports of childhood.

A lady editor in Wisconsin advertises in her own paper for a husband. She says he must be a printer and possess means sufficient to buy a new press.

A miserable miser named Chapman died lately at Fenton, England, worth £50,000. His last wish was that his stick might be put in his coffin, that he might give "Old Stratford" a thrashing with it when he met him, because he disappointed him in regard to the purchase of some land years ago.

The "rodent" squirrels that swarm in California are being turned to account for glove-making. A company of French tanners pay fifteen cents a skin. One farmer has trapped and skinned thirty thousand of the little pests of the grain-field within the last fifteen months.

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The above facts speak for themselves, and to the wise and prudent further comment is unnecessary.

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