

AGRICULTURAL.

SPOILING HORSES' FEET.—It is almost impossible to get horses shod without having the frogs cut away. All veterinary surgeons, all horsemen, all leading blacksmiths, agree that the frog should not be pared, one particle—not even trimmed. No matter how pliable and soft the frog is, cut it away smooth on all sides, and in two days it will be dry and hard as a chip. You might as well cut off all the leaves of trees, and expect them to flourish, as to pare away the frog and have a healthy foot. The rough, spongy part of the frog is to the foot what leaves are to the tree—the lungs. Never have a red-hot shoe put on the foot to burn it level. If you can find a blacksmith that is mechanic enough to level the foot without a red-hot iron, employ him. The burning process deadens the foot and tends to contract it. If you do not think so, try the red hot poker on your finger-nail, and see if it will not affect the growth of that. There are many important points in shoeing horses, but these two are of more importance than all the rest, level to the apprehension of men not skilled in horses and the two most disregarded.—Mirror and Farmer.

MANAGEMENT OF COWS IN HOLLAND.—Prof. Geo. H. Cook, of New Jersey Agricultural College, furnishes the Country Gentleman an interesting article concerning Dutch dairies. One that he visited was fifteen or twenty miles from Amsterdam, on a farm of 207 1/2 acres, nearly all a meadow and a pasture. The land was at the level of tide-water, but was well drained. There were forty-six head of cattle kept, of which twenty-six were milch cows. The average yield of each cow during the year was 4,804 quarts, a daily average of 13.06 quarts. This average is remarkably large—and of course much above the general average of the country. The average yield of Dutch cows has been given at 2,835 to 2,940 quarts per year. Prof. Cook speaks especially of the marvelous neatness of the cow stables, which are under the same roof and only separated from the dwelling house by a partition and door. They are not used in summer; as soon as the cattle are turned out to pasture in the spring, the stables are washed out, the floors either sanded or tiled. During the summer they are sometimes used for cheese room. During the storm in spring or fall, the cows are generally covered with blankets while at pasture. In winter the stables are frequently thoroughly cleaned and washed, and the cows are curried regularly.

THE APPLE.—The Western Rural says: There is scarcely an article of vegetable food more widely used and more universally liked than the apple. Why every farmer has not an orchard, where the trees will grow at all, is one of the mysteries. Let every house-keeper lay in a good supply of apples, and it will be the most economical investment in the whole range of culinaries. A ripe mellow apple is digested in an hour and a half, while boiled cabbage requires five hours. The most healthful desert that can be placed on the table is a baked apple. If eaten frequently at breakfast, with coarse bread and butter, without flesh of any kind, it has an admirable effect on the general system, often removing constipation, correcting acidities, and cooling off febrile conditions more effectually than the most approved medicines. If families could be induced to substitute apples, sound and ripe, for cakes and sweetmeats, with which their children are so frequently stuffed, there would be a diminution in the sum total of doctor's bills in a single year, sufficient to lay in a stock of this delicious fruit for the whole season's use.

PROTECTING ROOFS FROM FIRE.—The Fireman's Journal, which ought to be good authority on such matters, says: A wash composed of lime, salt and fine sand, or wood-ashes, put on in the ordinary way of white-wash, is said to render shingles fifty-fold more safe against taking fire from falling cinders, or otherwise, in case of fire in the vicinity. It pays the expenses a hundred-fold in its preserving influences against the effects of the weather. The older and the more weather-beaten the shingles, the more benefit derived. Such shingles are more or less warped, rough and cracked. The application of wash, by wetting the top surface, restores them to their original or first form thereby closing the spaces between the shingles; and the lime and sand, by filling up the cracks, prevents its warping.

CHILBLAINS.—One very cold evening in December, a young man from a store in the city, came to the kitchen of a dwelling where I was staying, to deliver some parcels. While his basket was being emptied he seemed in a perfect frenzy of distress from chilblains, and finally begged to be permitted to remove his boots for a moment's relief. The lady of the house, immediately sent to the cellar for an old pan, and brought some corn meal, requiring the boy to remove his stockings. He protested that he had not a minute to lose, and must hasten back to his work. In an instant red-hot coals were placed in the pan, and a handful of the meal being thrown upon them, the suffering feet were held in the dense smoke. Before the meal had burned out, the anguish of the chilblains was quite gone. The coals and meal were renewed, and in fifteen minutes the youth was on his way to the store, entirely relieved, although the trial a small match too short to be successful.

Severe weather may produce a recurrence of the trouble, at intervals, but persistent use of this remedy will prevent it as well as cure it. I have known it to effect very marked cures, where the persons were usually exposed and when all other remedies were useless.—Exchange.

An Indiana jurymen proved his eligibility by stating that he had not been at the county seat before for thirty years, and did not know who had been President since Andrew Jackson. He was accepted.

HUMOROUS.

"Boys will be boys" is nonsense. Boys will be men if they live long enough.

The Englishman who called the Hoosac Tunnel a "blasted hole" was literally correct.

A lady in Syracuse is said to rest her head on a grammar while sleeping, in order that she may dream correctly.

The Lafayette (Indiana) Journal refrains from kicking an obscure Indiana editor in the usual prominent locality, for fear of producing concussion of the brain.

A boy being asked the meaning of the word amateur, said it was a man who slipped up and wasn't jawed for it.

A man out west, who offered baffle for a friend was asked by a Judge if he had any incumbrance on his farm. "Oh yes," said he, "my old woman."

A negro offered to lift a young lady over a gutter. She insisted that he was too heavy. "Lor, missus," said he, "I use used to lifting barrels of sugar."

"Our children will have immense tax on their hands," said a gentleman. "Oh, horrible!" exclaimed an elderly lady; "what a blessing we have nails on ours!"

The voice of a Pennsylvania prima donna is described as "six octaves above the screech of a lost Indian."

A new minister at New Bedford took a stroll before breakfast on the first Sunday he was there, and after walking a dozen blocks was accosted by a shabby looking individual with: "You needn't look any further; there ain't any saloons open."

"The first bird I shot in Ameriky," said an Irish sportsman, "was a Ferk pin-porkupine. I tried him with a barn-shovel. The first time I hit him I missed him, and the second time I hit him, I hit him in the same place I missed him the first time."

What can be wetter than a woman with a cataract in her eye, a waterfall on her head, a creek in her back, forty springs in her skirt, and high-tied shoes? "Why, one with a notion in her head, and swimming in tears."

An inebriated individual fell down a flight of stairs the other night, and a passer-by fearing him seriously injured ran to pick him up. But the man majestically staggered to his feet, and in response to the proffered aid roared out: "Now you jes' let 'Jone. Wan' no slobberin' round me. I'll come down stairs that way."

Some wags were walking around an agricultural implement store, and they chanced to see, in the rear, a dressed hog hanging by a hook to the wall. "Ha! ha! ha!" cried they to the young man in attendance, "what sort of an agricultural implement do you call that?" "That," said he "is a patent combined root-grubber, corn-sheller, apple-grinder, gate-lifter, double-action, back-spring, soil-plow; but I guess you don't want one, for it takes a mighty smart man to manage it."

An editor and his wife were walking out in the bright moonlight one evening. Like all editor's wives, she was of an exceedingly poetic nature, and said to her mate: "Notice that moon; how bright and calm, and beautiful!" "I couldn't think of noticing it," returned the editor, "for anything less than the moon rates—a dollar and fifty cents for twelve lines."

A layman in Providence who occasionally exhorted at evening meetings, thus explained his belief in the existence of a Deity: "Brethren, I am just as confident that there is a Supreme Being as I am that there is flour in Alexandria; and that I know for certain, as I yesterday received from there a lot of three hundred barrels of fresh superfine, which I will sell as low as any person in town."

A sentimental youth having seen a young damsel shedding tears over something in her lap, took the first opportunity to be introduced to her, and made no doubt that she was a congenial spirit. "What work was it that affected you so much the other morning?" "I saw you shed a great many tears. Was it Bulwer's last?" "I don't know what Bulwer's last is," returned she, "but I assure you I was doing a job which always almost kills me; I was peeling onions."

On a recent evening a Brooklynite was walking along Atlantic avenue, when he was jostled and passed by a stranger. Soon afterward, discovering that his watch was gone, he hurried after the stranger, presented a revolver at his head and grimly said: "Give me that watch." The stranger "fucked over" at once. On reaching home the gentleman began telling the story of his adventure to his wife, when she interrupted him saying, "Why, John, you left your watch on the bureau this morning, and I have been wearing it all day."

Gail Hamilton is not always sensible, or even as truthful as she should be, when she talks about men, matrimony and woman suffrage; but she did say this truthful and beautiful thing.

There is no slavery so abject as the slavery of the man to the woman he loves. Abject, because it goes behind his will and possesses the whole man. And the more he is, the more strong and bright and free, the more thorough is his enslavement. Woe to such a one if he fall into the hands of a weak, frivolous, or an unworthy owner. Joy to him if his proprietor be a large-hearted woman; for then his completest thrill is most exalted and divine freedom.

HARRY FAMILY.—The hairy family of Madhlay consists of a woman of about forty-five years of age, a man of twenty and a girl of eleven, with hair over every part of their faces, forehead, nose and chin, varying in length from three inches to a foot, and exactly the color and texture of that on a Skye terrier. The hair on their heads, on the contrary, is just the same as on ordinary Burmans; they appear to be quite as intelligent as ordinary Burmans. The father of the woman was the first of the hairy progeny. He married an ordinary Burman woman, and the issue of the union was the present hairy head of the family. He married an ordinary Burman, and his issue, a son of about twenty three years of age, not hairy, and the boy and girl alluded to. The Burman explanation of the phenomenon is, to say the least, curious, and might possibly possess a special interest for Mr. Darwin. These hairy people would be worth a fortune to the enterprising Burman, if he could get hold of them, but the king will not allow them to go out of his dominions.

CORRESPONDENCE OF TURKISH LOVERS.—The art of writing is not general among the Turks, and when a lover wishes to communicate his sentiments in writing they have a mode of effecting it without a pen, ink or paper, by means of flowers, fruits, woods, silks, stuffs and colors, of which they make a pocket, each article having an allegorical sense. The pocket is called a *selma*. Those who employ this mode of communication have a casket stored with necessary articles to compose a *selma*. They have a dictionary, which they know by memory, of the allusions they wish to give by their flowers.

An ailment signifies: "We are both of one mind;" a piece of rose bush, "I weep continually, but you deride my tears;" a piece of cloth, "I am tired with your importunities;" a piece of buckram or canvass, "We shall be together to-morrow;" a piece of silk, "You have gained my mind;" a looking glass, "I am ready to sacrifice myself for you;" a pistol, "I love you very much."

A grain of raisin, some blue silk, a pea, a morsel of sugar, and a piece of the wood of aloes, arranged in a certain order, form a billet doux to this effect:

"My heart, I am in love with you; the pain which my love occasions to me has nearly deprived me of my senses; my heart passionately desires yours; give my disease the necessary remedy."

Our life is a sermon. Our birth is the text from which we start. Youth is the introduction to the discourse. During our manhood we lay down a few propositions and prove them. Some of the passages are dull, and some are sprightly. Then come inferences and applications. At seventy years we say, "Fifthly and lastly, The doxology is sung. The benediction is pronounced. The book is closed. It is getting cold. Frost on the window-pane. Audience gone. Shut up the church. Sexton goes home with the key on his shoulder."

This is an other villainous falsehood: Horace Greeley heard that they made 8,000 pounds of butter from sixteen cows at Danbury. He bought a lot of cows at once, and is going to have them ground up and churned. "You see," said he, "I can buy live beef for eight cents a pound, and butter is worth forty. If it costs two cents a pound for labor, I shall clear 300 per cent. The man who says this is not so, is a liar and a horse thief."

An English gamekeeper has recently broken a black sow to hunt game in the woods and she is said to run in the hunt with wonderful success. She will track game, back and stand, and point partridges, and pheasants, snipes and rabbits as skilful as a bred pointer. She bounds in response to a whistle, and wags her head and squeals with delight on being shown a gun.

Many have endeavored to solve the following puzzle, but have found it quite difficult. It is easy enough, however, when it is explained. The possessive case does the work: A Princess found a Prophet in the rushes by the water, whom she hoped to call her darling son. If Moses had been the son of Pharaoh's daughter, then he would have been the daughter of Pharaoh's son.

Professor Marsh, of Yale College expedition, who passed through Idaho last year, visited the Snake Falls on Snake river. He says that the leap of those falls is greater and the gorge deeper and grander than Niagara. The expedition gathered an immense quantity of fossils, including at least fifty new specimens of animals entirely new to science.

The French women are the best dressed in the world; German women have the most luxuriant heads of hair, the Spanish women the smallest hands and feet, Italian women the most brilliant complexion, South Americans the most beauty, and American women the most style.

This is the tone in which an indignant new father addressed a Peckskill, N. Y., paper: "Mr. Editor—What did you print my family matters in your paper for, it is none your business if my wife did have twins I pay for them and you get your head punched you had best tend to yer own business."

There are 650,000 scholars in attendance at the public schools in Illinois. Teachers number over 20,000. School houses, log, frame, brick and stone, 10,775. Expenditure for school purposes for the past year nearly \$7,000,000.

Man and wife in Russia always own their property separately, and instances of wives suing their husbands for debt are by no means uncommon.

A Maine Legislature permits women to enter the State Agricultural College upon the same terms and rules as are prescribed to male students.

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