ABEL, HULDY, AND THE RAM.

ONCE I was passing through the little town of Greenville, in the Pennsylvania hemlock belt," said John Gilbert, the traveling groceryman "and stopped at the tavern there. The only man I saw at first was a jolly looking, red-faced little old man, on whom care or sorrow seemed to have never laid a finger.

"'Fine day,' I said, getting off my buckboard.

"'P'tic'lar fine an' cheerful,' the little old man said. 'I hain't see a cheerfuller day in forty years an' better.'

"Then he went down the road whistling. I was gazing after him yet when some one said:

"'It's a leetle queer that Uncle Abel went away without waitin' to see whether you wa'n't going to buy sumpin' an' ast him in; but he's feelin' overpowerin' glib to-day, an' mebbe thought nothin' could make him feel any better.'

"This speaker, as I saw when I turned to look, was a tall and slim and lanky, and was whittling a stick. He had come from the barn, and, as I found, was the landlord. I walked in.

"'Yes,' said the lanky man, 'Uncle Abel is feelin' overpowerin' glib to-day. You wouldn't take him to be a lone an' lorn widderer, which the pardner of his bosom was only laid away yiste'day, now, would you?'

"I had to admit that the old gentleman was a trifle chipper and cheerful for one so recently bereaved.

"'Yes,' the landlord went on, 'Aunt Huldy's left Uncle Abel at last. It was sort of an accident like, though. I don't think she ever would a-thought o' doin' of it, 'cause Uncle Abel was four that Aunt Huldy had handled, an' she had wore black bombazine fer three on 'em, an' it was jest as good as ever, that black bombazine was, an' there ain't no kind o' doubt that she had a stiff idee o' wearin' it fer Uncle Abel, an' mebbe fer somebody that had the courage to be No. 5. You see, Uncle Abel is the harmlessest man that ever sot round, an' Aunt Huldy's disposition was sot sumpin' like a cross-cut saw, an' when she got to movin' she was a ripper. How would some fresh tansy schunched in a glass and moistened with about three fingers o' J'maky rum strike you?'

"I was willing to risk it, and the lanky but garrulous landlord scrunched the tansy and moistened it per recipe.

"'Yes, sir,' he went on, having scrunched and moistened for himself also, and taken pay for both. 'Aunt Huldy was a ripper when she got to movin', and the trouble was she was movin' most o' the time. I've knowed Uncle Abel to roost in an apple tree on his clearin' all night, waitin' for Aunt Huldy to quiet down, an' I've heerd him say, more'n wunst, that it was a good thing he'd been kicked in the head by a mule wunst and got over it, or he'd be afeared o' the conseqences if Aunt Huldy got to movin'.

"'Aunt Huldy she was tremendous sot ag'in Uncle Abel goin' fishin', an' Uncle Abel he'd ruther go fishin' than to the circus. Last week he couldn't hold out no longer, and he went over to Ben Runnels' pond to troll for picker'l. The fact is, though, that the pond ain't Ben Runnels, 'cause there ain't no setch person as Ben Runnels, nor hain't ben this twenty year an' better, an' when there was a Ben Runnels he didn't own the pond. The last day there ever was a Ben Runnels he went fishin' on that pond. If the fishin' hadn't ben so uncommon good that day Ben mowt be with us yit. Ben had half a pint o' fish worms with him in an old tomattus can, an' half a gallon o' worm o' the still in a jug. This was for exhilaratin' purposes. Ben alluz exhilarated arter ketchin' a fish, but the fish bit so fast that day that they kep' Ben busier than usual exhilaratin', so that when folks went to see what was the reason Ben didn't git home that day, an' found the boat upsot an' Ben an' the jug floatin' in the pond, there was less than two little jiggers of exhilaration left in the jug, but there was more than five gallen o' water in Ben. It wasn't drowndin' that killed Ben, some folks thought. They said it was the sudden washin' of all the exhilaration outen him by so much water gittin' inter him that done it. Ben not bein' used to setch overpowerin' disapp'intment. An' that's the way Ben got the title to that pond, an' it's ben called Ben Runnels' pond ever sence.

"'Well, there's where Uncle Abel went fishin', spite o' Aunt Huldy's warnin's, an' when he got back I don't s'pose that Aunt Huldy ever moved so rippin' in her life. All that Uncle Abel has ever said about it is that she jest swatted him over, an' then sot on him till she peeled what Uncle Abel says is just a ben more'n a bushel o' taters. Aunt Huldy weighed in the vicinity o' 200 pound, an' every time Uncle Abel wiggled she'd scrunch down on him. An' speakin' o' scrunchin', there's a lot more tanzy: shell I——'

"I interrupted the landlord to say that I didn't care for any more, and he seemed so much disappointed and remained silent so long that I began to think that I wasn't going to hear the end of his story, but by and by he started in again.

"'Yes, sir, she scrunched down on him hard, Aunt Huldy did. She scrunched down so fur arter awhile that Uncle Abel says he got his eyes on the shinin' shore, an' was hopin' that Aunt Huldy would give him another twist so's he could get his feet on it; but she wan't through with him yit, an' didn't let him pass over. There's where Aunt Huldy made her mistake. She ought to scrunched Uncle Abel all the way over, an' then she could a took out that black bombazine ag'in an' hooked it on fer her fourth, an' ben a-lookin' out fer her fifth now. But she didn't do it, an' there's where she made her mistake.

"'This here last lively movin' of Aunt Huldy's must a kind o' sot Uncle Abel to thinkin'. Joe Bevan, up yonder aplece, had an ol' churnin' ram that somehow or other was dead sot agin women folks, an' none of 'em cared to go nigh him, 'cause he'd pitch at 'em, an' Joe kep' the ugly ol' chap tied up. But the ram was mild enough to men folks. T'other day Aunt Huldy says that it beat all how it was that she couldn't have a piece o' rope to make a pull-to for the gate, and that if she had a man worth a pinch o' salt that she'd a had the rope long 'fore that. This was the fust that Uncle Abel knowed that Aunt Huldy wanted a piece o' rope, an' that very day he was goin' by Joe Bevan's place, an' he see a piece o' rope at the side o' the road. He picked it up and went home with it. Wrappin' it round a post, he went in the house.

"'"Hully," says he, "I've brung home a piece o' rope."

"'"You have, hay?" Aunt Huldy snapped out. "It's a good thing, an' it'll come in handy fer you to hang yourself with!"

"'So Aunt Huldy goes to see the rope.

"'"Ding your pictur!" she hollers back to Uncle Abel. "An' you've got that rantankerous ram o' Joe Bevan's tied to the end of it, too!"

"'"Why, so he is!" says Uncle Abel.

"'Aunt Huldy grabbed the ax and moved on the ram. The ram seen Aunt Huldy comin', an' went to meet her. He met her so suddint that she curled up like a ship-knee, kicked a little, an' never got up from where she landed. Uncle Abel says that Aunt Huldy passed away a good deal peacefuller than he thought it was in her natur' to, an' he's a lone, lorn widderer, an' has the bombazine dress to sell. I wish he'd a staid here awhile. Then I'd a had some one to jine me in a scrunch. If you don't keer to jine, you mowt leave one for Uncle Abel.'

"I paid for a 'scrunch' for Uncle Abel to enjoy when he came in, and drove on my way, and who should I meet but Uncle Abel again.

"'Hullo!' he shouted, and I stopped.

"'He told ye 'bout me an' Aunt Huldy, an' the rantankerous ram, o' course?' said Uncle Abel, grinning.

"'Yes,' I said.

"'He's been licked like tarnation three times in less'n a year fer tellin' that,' said Uncle Abel, 'but seems like he can't help it. He didn't mean no harm by it. He'll tell it to you ag'in if you come along this way to-morrow. I wa'n't never married in my life, an' there ain't no Aunt Huldy, nor no ram, nor never was!'

"I couldn't help but grin with Uncle Abel, and said:

"'Well' I paid for a rum and tansy up there for you, anyhow.'

"'Course you did!' said Uncle Abel. 'That's part of it. I hain't took a drink in more'n forty year! Think you'll go back an' lick him? He'll sort o' 'spect it.'

"But I said I'd let it go, and drove on, leaving Uncle Abel in the road grinning after me."—New York Sun.

A Noble Woman.

The wife of Gen. Washington proved herself fully equal to the high position. Her levees were more select and courtly than any that have since been given, yet she preferred home-life and home-comforts, speaking of her public life as her "lost days." When she took up her residence with the army her chief occasion was to care for the welfare of the soldiers. To those in camp, she showed a most worthy example of courage and cheerful patience under all manner of privations; to sick and weary she carried that balm to sooth a weary spirit and body, which only the presence of a noble and sympathetic woman can bear. Mrs. Washington, with her large fortune, could easily have outshone all others in fashion and display, but instead, she put herself and her servants in home-made materials. Sixteen spinning wheels were kept in constant operation in her house. On one occasion she displayed two dresses of cotton, striped with silk explaining that the silk stripes were woven from the ravelings of brown silk stockings and old crimson damask chair covers.

Increased His Class.

This could only happen in Scotland, where a way has been discovered by a Glasgow minister to compel even the worldly passions of men to make for righteousness. He noticed that the young women who came to Bible class at his house each had a young man waiting for her. So one evening what did this canny Scotsman do, when the class was in progress, but make an excuse to leave the room and step outside, where, as he expected, he found a small crowd of waiting swains. With much politeness he pointed out his unwillingness to keep them from their sweethearts and invited them to come inside and see them.

It is needless to add this Glasgow minister has a mixed Bible class now on his hands. And it is doing well.—Boston Herald.

Simple and to the Point.

The Cherokee form of marriage is perhaps the simplest and most expressive of any. The man and woman merely join hands over a running stream, emblematic of the wish that their future lives, hopes and aspirations should flow on in the same channel.

To Provide Domestics.

The Housewifery Club, of New York, is intended to facilitate domestic work. It provides its members with maids having satisfactory references, and stimulates the servant by paying her a prize at the end of a certain time if her work has been satisfactory.

THE MOUNTAIN MAID.

She Had a Natural Anxiety and She Sought to Allay It.

As my horse, puffing like a porpoise, drew me and my buckboard up the last sharp acclivity of the mountain road that led out into the pass between the summits rising on either hand, he would have exercised his privilege and stopped a moment to blow, but a hundred yards ahead of us I saw a bright bit of calico gleaming in the morning sun, and driving on I came up to a buxom mountain maid sitting on a stump at a point where a footpath, leading up from the valley, met the main road, says a traveler.

"Good morning," she said, before I had a chance to stop, and there seemed to be an anxious tone in the voice.

"Good morning," I responded, and I was on the point of asking her how far it was to the next place, a favorite manner of starting a conversation on mountain roads, when she broke in.

"Air you a preacher?" she asked.

"No," I answered, with a smile, for I had never been asked that question before.

"Nor a 'squire?"

"No."

"Well, Jim Martin's comin' along this way purty soon now an' I wuz jis' axin' so's thar wouldn't be no mistakes."

"I don't quite understand your explanation," I said, completely in the dark as to what she was trying to get at.

"I reckon not, but I ain't takin' no chances, an' I thought I'd better stop you while I had the chance."

"Thank you, I'm sure, but if you will tell me what's up I may be able to know what you are talking about."

She laughed good-naturedly.

"Well, you see it's this away," she said. "Jim, he's been a-courtin' an' a-sparkin' 'round me fer about two ye'r now, an' last night he popped an' says ez how ef I'd be here this mornin' ez he come along we'd go down to Logville an' git hitched, an' Jim's mighty onreliable an' like's not ef we got thar an' the preacher ner the 'squire warn't thar, I'd never git Jim in the mind ag'in, so I kinder thought mebbe you might be the 'squire er the preacher an' I didn't want yer to git away. Ef you meet Jim anywheres down the road don't tell him you seen me, fer I don't want him skeert."

$200,000,000 FOR TITLES.

That Amount and Good Girls Exchanged for Foreign Bridegrooms.

The newspaper gossip about Miss Pauline Astor and Miss May Goelet, who, with their millions, are able to buy anything in the matrimonial market that Europe has for sale, has revived many reminiscences of previous alliances of American ladies with foreign noblemen. Rumor has it that negotiations are pending for the marriage of Miss Astor to Prince Alexander of Teck, and that Miss Goelet is hesitating between the Duke of Manchester and the Duke of Roxeburgh, but whether she takes one or the other, neither Miss Goelet nor Miss Astor will do any better than Miss Mackey, now the Princess of Colonna, or Miss Vanderbilt, now Duchess of Marlborough. The question is only one of expense, for it is perfectly well understood that the titles are for sale, and also that the higher the title the higher the price. A plain count may be had for $50,000 to $100,000, a duke for $1,000,000, or as much more as he can get; an Italian prince for about the same; but a prince of Germany or England comes much higher.

During the last quarter of a century over 400 alliances between American heiresses and foreign noblemen have been contracted. The fortunes transferred from America to Europe vary in amount from $50,000 to half as many millions, and so far as this country is concerned is a total loss, because the noble foreigners prefer to spend at home the money they win in the American matrimonial lottery. It is estimated that during the last quarter of a century over $200,000,000 of money made in this country by American citizens has been sent abroad as dowries for American heiresses who preferred titles to dollars.

A Business Horse.

A remarkable display of animal sagacity was given last week in Kensington by the horse driven by old Harry Pindle, an itinerant coal dealer. Harry has been a small dealer for years, and many a bucket of coal he sells to customers of twenty years' standing. Hector, the old bay horse, has been owned by Harry for several years, and although he is old and lame, the animal serves his master well. Last week while out with a load of coal Harry was taken sick, and leaving his 6-year-old grandson on the wagon, he went into a friend's house to rest. Now, Hector evidently got tired of waiting, for when Harry, who had become very sick, came out with his friend to be driven home, the team was gone. Late that afternoon the grandson came home with an empty wagon and explained that Hector had gone over the regular route, and that the people who had been waiting for their coal, came out and took what they wanted, and paid for it. Harry became very ill, and was confined to bed for over a week, but the supply of coal never stopped, as Harry's oldest son would load the wagon before going to work and the team would be sent out in charge of the little boy. It has been proven since that old Hector never missed a customer along the route, and he is now pointed out as a remarkable horse.—Philadelphia Record.

Richest Woman in Texas.

Mrs. Richard King, of Texas, is probably the richest woman in the United States, not even excepting Mrs. Hetty Green. She is a widow, and her landed estates in Southern Texas amount to 1,250,000 acres, or about 2,000 square miles. The ranch on which she resides is the largest in the world. It is called "The Santa Gertrudes." In the center of it, thirteen miles from her front gate, is Mrs. King's home, a central chateau, looming up like a baronial castle on a slight eminence. All around it are the pretty homes of dependents, surrounded by well-tilled fields and gardens. The 200,000 cattle, of improved and imported breeds, and all sheep within the Santa Gertrudes ranch belong to Mrs. King. The current expenses of the ranch reach $100,000 a year. Three hundred cowboys are in her employ, for whom she keeps 1,200 ponies.

Japanese Girls as Nurses.

Two Japanese girls, Hisa Nagano and Natru Sankaki, are at present serving as trained nurses in Chicago. They intend to study medicine and then return to Japan to found a hospital on the same plan as those of this country.

About half the time when a woman does hit the nail on the head she drives it in the wrong place.

It's a pity wisdom doesn't grow out on a man like his whiskers.

Methuselah completed nine centuries and he never even saw a bicycle.

TOPICS FOR FARMERS

A DEPARTMENT PREPARED FOR OUR RURAL FRIENDS.

Best Way to Feed Corn Fodder—How to Banish the Rats—Amount of Water a Cow Drinks—a Test of Her Milk Value.

Feeding Corn Fodder.

I last winter put the cows into a feed lot adjoining the farm. Three pigs for each cow were also placed in the lot. The cows were taken into the barn twice a day, fed ear corn, broken, and, after being milked, were turned into the lot and given unhusked corn fodder. In this way each cow received one and one-third bushel ear corn per week and one bushel of corn in the fodder. The pigs, in addition to what they picked up, were given buttermilk and some skim-milk. In return for this feed I received four and one-half pounds butter and ten pounds of pork per week per cow, or about two pounds butter and four pounds pork per bushel of corn. The cows were provided with a good shed and a thick layer of straw to lie on.—Agriculturist.

Getting Rid of Rats.

An unusual interest has been aroused in the destruction of rats this season because of the great number found in corncribs and in the vicinity of poultry houses. The loss from this source has been considerable, to say nothing of the annoyance. If trouble in corncribs is to be avoided next year, set the buildings on posts eighteen inches high, and around the top tack a strip of old tin or invert a tin pan and place it over the top of the post. This will not always keep them out, but will do much towards preventing their entrance.

Where cribs are on the ground and have been undermined by these pests, a number of methods of getting rid of them, more or less successful, have been suggested. If a well-trained ferret and a good rat dog can be secured, great numbers can be killed in a short time. The ferret will go into the holes under the crib and run out the rats, which can then be disposed of by means of the dog or guns. After the rats have been well cleaned out by this means they seldom return, or at least not for a long time. In closed bins, where carbon bisulphide can be used, they can be got rid of in short time. Merely place an open dish full of the chemical on top of the grain and permit it to evaporate. It will permeate every point and kill all living creatures. In using the bisulphide, remember that it is very inflammable, and all lights and fires must be kept away from the building while it is being applied.—Orange Judd Farmer.

The Water a Cow Drinks.

M. Dancel reported to the French Academy of Sciences his experiments to determine the effect of the quantity of water cows drink upon quantity and quality of milk. "He says," writes Dr. Galen Wilson, to Practical Farmer, "that, by inducing cows to drink more water, the quantity of milk yielded can be increased without injuring its quality. He asserts that the amount of milk is proportioned to the quantity of water drunk. In experimenting upon cows fed in the stall with dry fodder that gave only nine to twelve quarts of milk a day, that when this dry food was moistened with from eighteen to twenty-three quarts of water daily, their yield of milk was increased up to twelve to fourteen quarts a day. Besides this water taken with the food, the cows were allowed to drink the same as before, and their thirst was excited by adding a little salt to the fodder. The milk was of good quality, and the amount of butter satisfactory. He found, by a series of observations, that the quantity of water habitually drunk by each cow was a criterion to judge of the quantity of milk that she would yield.

Traction Engines.

The self-propelling steam engines to be used on ordinary roads are not nearly so much in favor as they were when they first began to be used. An eight or ten horse power engine put upon a suitable truck can easily be drawn by an ordinary farm team. It does not frighten teams along the highway as the puffing traction engine is sure to do. As the traction engine costs several hundred dollars extra, and is several hundred pounds heavier, it is not now in much favor. Many good country bridges that would stand ordinary loads have been broken down by the traction engine, entailing loss both to the owner of the engine and the county. In many places notices are put up that if traction engines cross certain bridges they must do so at their own risk.

Winter Window Plants.

The plants for midwinter and early spring blooming should be brought into the house, but the room should be only moderately heated. Give abundance of air every mild day. The temperature of the room at night should be twelve to eighteen degrees lower than during the day. Remove all dead leaves. Give only enough water to moisten the earth in the pots. The earth should not be made pasty.

Chrysanthemums.—To prolong the period of blooming, take up the choicest specimens with a large ball of earth, and set them in tubs or boxes. Keep the plants upon the porch in a protected situation for a few days until they recover. They may then be brought into the house. Beds of plants should be covered over with a large muslin sheet during frosty nights.

Insects.—For the aphis and plant lice, smoke with tobacco stems. Window plants can be easily fumigated by placing them under a barrel. Rose bushes in the greenhouse can be kept free of the aphis by the free use of the syringe. —American.

To Farm Driveway.

The entrance drive or "lane," as it is usually called, is an important feature in the surroundings of a country home. The success of landscape effect depends largely upon its judicious location and arrangement. While the shortest line is the most practical course for travel between two points; artistically considered, a long, narrow, straight line, fenced on both sides, unadorned by trees, is something to be avoided, if possible. If the driveway must be straight, let it be through an open field or fenced on one side only, and lined with trees, or if inclosed by two fences let them be fifty feet or more apart, with a row of trees on each side. It may then answer for the family orchards of all kinds of fruit and nut trees, or if planted with maples, beech or oaks, will eventually form a magnificent avenue. —American Gardening.

Pigeon Notes.

We would caution beginners, better invest your money in one or two good birds than in half a dozen cheap scrub birds.

As soon as you see a pigeon in your loft that is sick or out of condition, remove it from the other pigeons at once, and treat, and, if too far, use a hatchet.

A handful or two of hemp seed given each day to a flock of pigeons will help them through moulting.

Every fancier should have leg bands, and keep a record of your birds, as this is the only way we can prevent inbreeding, as they are cheap.

Look! Look for the little red mites that infest the young birds in their nests, as they kill more young pigeons than disease this time of year. Nests should be cleaned frequently, and sawdust and tobacco stems put in.

Linseed vs. Cotton Seed Meal.

While fully grown animals with strong digestive organs can eat cottonseed meal properly diluted with straw or hay without serious injury, it is doubtful whether it is advisable to make this part of their ration. Linseed meal can be purchased at about the same price as cottonseed meal, and has equal nutritive value. The new process meal is the kind generally used. It is not so fattening as the old process meal, because more of its oil has been expressed. Faxseed whole is a very rich feed, and if boiled so as to swell it out all that hot water can do it may be given to cattle, sheep or horses with safety. Only a very little should be given at a time, as the oil in it makes it very laxative.

Weaning Foals.

Foals that are about to be weaned in the fall of the year, should, preparatory to the time of isolating them from their dams, be taught to eat freely of grain, pulse and other highly nutritive food. The loss of the dam's milk is a severe check to their constitution and growth, which even an abundant supply of hay or grass will not wholly compensate. A variety of food is not only permissible, but to be advocated, although grass or good hay and corn should form their staple diet. Too many different sorts of food can hardly be tried, says a high authority on the matter, "but, of course, they must be given judiciously, at various times and in small quantities."—Live Stock Journal.

Bedding Absorbents.

The only proper way to keep cows is to keep them clean. It is just as necessary to bed cows and keep them clean as it is to feed and care for them in any other way. I milk forty cows the year round, and always milk in stable, summer and winter. If I find any of my cows in a condition to need washing, somebody gets a hearing, and the second offense is sufficient for a change in help. The platform and drops should be so constructed that all the droppings, both liquids and solids, will be received in the drop. An absorbent of some kind should be placed in the drop to soak any liquid matter.

Fall Manuring Winter Grain.

There is no better time to topdress winter grain than late fall. If it is done after the ground is frozen it will be all the better. The loose soil will not only poach less, but the manure lying over its frozen surface will prevent the alternate freezing and thawing which is more trying to winter grain than is continued cold weather. Besides, if the winter grain field is seeded with clover in the spring, as it always should be, the topdressing of manure will be just what the young clover needs to give it protection early, and make it grow vigorously later in the season.

Small Potatoes.

Save all the small potatoes for seed that are of the regulation form. These may be the only seed available in the spring, while if they are not needed when planting time comes they can then be discarded. We would not have it understood that we are indorsing small potatoes for planting. Large seed is preferable every time.

Drain the Land.

A farmer can raise more bushels of better grain, corn and wheat, or any other produce, on fifty acres of well underdrained land than he can on 100 acres of wet land, and he can do it with less than half the labor and expense.

Farm Notes.

Teach the pigs to eat as soon as possible.

A good pedigree always adds to the value of a horse for any purpose.

When wheat is sold buy back bran and shipstuff enough to feed out the straw.

The average farm can be run a good deal better without a dog than without a pig.

Hard work is not so apt to injure horses if they receive proper attention afterwards.

There are some good butter cows in all breeds and they are even found among scrubs.

The most clear profit in raising good horses is in the fact that you have raised them yourself.

The farmer who cannot supply comfortable shelter cannot afford to winter stock.

One advantage in having the manure reasonably fine is that it can be more evenly distributed on the land.

A short-legged, short-haired sheep is often heavier and will produce more wool than one that looks much larger.

The restless spirit of a growing colt is a sufficient guarantee that it will take exercise if the opportunity is afforded.

In order to make good beef and to make it easy steady feeding of the most suitable food from the first is essential.

Every kind of a crop grown on the farm is needed, and somebody will produce it and realize a profit in producing and marketing.

In selecting farm stock to use as breeders, secure only such animals as are healthy themselves and have sprung from healthy, vigorous stock.

To injudicious feeding may be credited a large amount of the fatality among hogs and with care in feeding a large amount of disease may be avoided.—Farmers' Union.

Napoleon's Will.

The giving up of the log of the Mayflower to the United States and the suggested return to use of the recently discovered parliamentary journal from New York call to mind what was probably the most interesting former occasion of similar international courtesy, says the Westminster Gazette. Napoleon's will, which was made at St. Helena, was proved in London shortly after his decease, and for a long time remained in the fireproof room of the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, where it was a standing object for the inspection of the curious. After the restoration of the empire, and in the year of the Napoleon-Eugenie marriage, the French made application for it, and it was handed over to them by Lord John Russell. For formal purposes an official notarial copy of it was made for preservation in England in place of the original.

Back to the Old Proposition.

Miss Perkinson—My ancestors came over in the Mayflower.

Miss Westlake—Indeed! I suppose you were too young, though, to remember much about it, weren't you?

To Still the Ocean's Waves.

A scheme to increase the efficiency of oil to still the waves of the ocean in a storm has been thought out by William Guthrie, of Chicago. His notion is based on the argument that if oil has a pacifying effect when distributed on the water in the immediate neighborhood of the ship in trouble, its effect would be magnified if the oil could be applied at a distance all about the ship, thus creating a calm circle, in which the ship could ride in safety until the storm had spent its fury. His proposition is to shoot saturated sponges or cotton from a pneumatic gun, that being preferable to a powder gun, as there would be no danger of igniting the oil-soaked sponge. Some people interested in shipping have been impressed with the idea and application is to be made to congress for an appropriation to test its efficiency.

Scientists tell us that every element necessary to the support of man is contained within limits of an egg shell, in the best proportions and in the most palatable form.

One of the most curious results of the investigation by doctors in the Russian jails is the statement that each group of criminals has its own peculiar color of the eye.

What is claimed to be a very satisfactory imitation of camphor is now manufactured by passing hydrochloric acid into spirits of turpentine surrounded by a freezing mixture.

Paris has fourteen asylums for the homeless, where needy persons can obtain lodgings. Last year they accommodated 144,037 persons.

The population of Dublin, Ireland, has decreased within the last 40 years from 261,000 to 245,000.

When a fine ruby is found in Burmah a procession of elephants, grandees and soldiers escort it to the king's palace.

The number of emigrants who left Hamburg in 1896 was 52,748, a diminution of 2,349 from the preceding year's figures.

It is expected that when the 1899 season opens there will be a cog-wheel railway from Chamounix up the Montenvers.

KNOCKED OUT.

It knocks out all calculations of attending to business in the right way for a day when we wake up in the morning sore and stiff. The disappointment lies in going to bed all right and waking up all wrong. There is a short and sure way out of it. Go to bed after a good rub with St. Jacobs Oil and you wake up all right; soreness and stiffness all gone. So sure is this, that men much exposed in changeful weather keep a bottle of it on the mantel for use at night to make sure of going to work in good nix.

A copper pan, said to be the largest ever made from one piece of metal, has been turned out at Swansea, England. It is 12 feet four inches in diameter, three feet three inches deep, and weighs two tons.

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

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March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M.D.

Benjamin Bissell, who lives near Ballston Spa., N. Y., says he has voted for eighteen presidential candidates, not one of whom was elected.

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YOUNG WOMANHOOD.

Sweet young girls! How often they develop into worn, listless, and hopeless women because mother has not impressed upon them the importance of attending to physical development.

No woman is exempt from physical weakness and periodical pain, and young girls just budding into womanhood should be guided physically as well as morally. If you know of any young lady who is sick and needs motherly advice, ask her to address Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., and tell every detail of her symptoms, surroundings and occupation.

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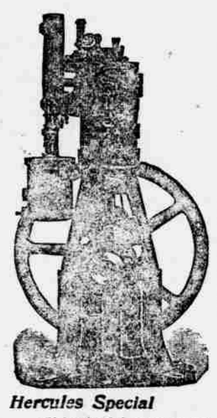

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A man well up in dog-lore, counsels intending purchasers of a puppy to let the mother of the puppy choose them. In carrying them back to their bed, the first the mother picks up will always be the best.

In the publication of the Berlin Academy of Sciences, Professor Roentgen has an article in which he confirms the observation of Dr. Brandes that it is possible to make the X-rays visible to the eye.

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