

Farm Yard Manure.

The composition of the manure made in the barn-yard, is determined by the character of the animals, and the food which they receive. In case of a full-grown animal, that is neither gaining nor losing in weight, the manure will contain the same amount of nitrogen and ash constituents of the fodder, as were present in the food consumed. The animal is like a machine for the conversion of the principal fertilizing constituents of the fodder, into a more available form for plant food. If an animal is gaining flesh, producing milk, or growing wool, etc., its manure will be less valuable. The character of food affects the quality of manure. A diet of straw can give only poor manure, while if the animal has a good supply of rich food, as oil cake and bran, its manure will be correspondingly rich in nitrogen and ash constituents. Aside from the animal and the food it gets, the value of manure is governed greatly by the treatment it receives after being dropped. Save the urine.—[American Agriculturist.]

An Easily Satisfied Boarder.

"Mr. Thompson," she began, as he was about to pass out, "you have boarded with me for the past six years." "Remained with you—yes." "And now it is with a feeling of genuine sorrow that I force myself to inform you that, owing to the high price of—"

"Certainly, madam. Owing to the high price of strawberries you must change to dried apples. Very well, madam, bring on your apple saas."

"Mr. Thompson, owing to the high price of meat, I—"

"You must change to mutton and codfish. Very well, Mrs. Smith, you have my consent."

"Mr. Thompson, beef is so dear that I must—"

"Certainly, I see; we have had beef twice or three times during the last year, but owing to the price you must change to spring lamb. Very well, Mrs. Smith, don't put over six of 'em on my plate at dinner, as I am not feeling first-rate now!"—[Wall Street News.]

G. Slow.

A prominent New York broker received a call the other day from a young man with the freckles and sunburn of the agricultural districts on his face, and without any beating around him plumply asked:

"Do you sell stocks?"

"Yes, sir."

"Have you any on hands now?"

"Plenty."

"Can I get hold of anything paying a dividend?"

"You can. Which do you prefer?—railroad or mining?"

"I guess I'll take railroad, as I'm used to riding on the cars."

"How much do you desire to invest in stocks?"

"Well, I'll take a couple of dollars worth to-day, and if I find it good thing I'll sell a colt I have and slap in as much as \$25."

He was recommended to buy a crockery goose and with his two dollars set it to hatch.—[Wall Street News.]

What Pierre Veron Thinks of Women.

One must be a woman to know how to revenge.

Woman conceals only what she does not know.

Woman is more constant in hatred than in love.

Woman is a creature between man and the angels.

Most women curse sin before embracing penitence.

Women who have not fine teeth only laugh with their eyes.

Women never weep more bitterly than when they weep with spite.

Friendship between women is only a suspension of hostilities.

Women ask if a man is discreet, as men ask if a woman is pretty.

When women cannot be revenged, they do as children do—they cry.

A woman and her servant, acting in accord, would outwit a dozen devils.

A woman forgives the audacity which her beauty prompts us to be guilty of.

Woman is a charming creature, who changes her heart as easily as her glove.

Why He Quit the Church.

"Parson," said a man approaching an Arkansas minister, "I reckon you had better take my name off your church books and let me go!"

"Why so?" asked the preacher. "You have always been a consistent church member."

"Well, you see I stole a mule, and I thought it wouldn't be healthy for the church for me to b-long to."

"When did you steal the mule?" asked the minister.

"About six months ago."

"Why, since that time you have assisted in several revivals. When were you seized with remorse?"

"To-day."

"Was there a cause that influenced you to make an acknowledgement?"

"Yes, something of a cause."

"What was it?"

"They proved that I stole the mule. So I have concluded to quit the church. If they hadn't proved it, I would have remained longer."—[Arkansas Traveler.]

No Need of an Overcoat.

"Feels like fall?" he said to a citizen sitting across the car.

"Yes."

"October will soon be here?"

"I don't see how I can help it."

"And then it won't be long till winter?"

"No."

"And the holidays will come before we know it?"

"Just so."

"And after the holidays we can soon look for spring?"

"I think we can."

"And spring will slip into summer almost before we can turn round?"

"That's so."

"As a man don't need an overcoat in the summer I have decided not to invest, thanks for your encouragement. Some men would have predicted three months' winter just to scare me into looking for a warm stairway to sleep under."

Borrowing a Lover.

This is an age of social progress. Genius, backed by a brilliant business talent, is about to take a stride into the next generation. When congress again sets whirling the wheels of Washington society a lover may be rented by the week or month. This is victory, the triumph of money over age and time. The plan is simple. As an instance, a maiden lady of uncertain age, to whose side neither wealth nor the dressmaker's art is potent in attracting young men of desirable character, calls to her aid the photographer album of an Escort Bureau, soon to be established, and selects a young man to suit her fancy. For the term of contract made with the bureau manager the young man is her absolute property. He becomes not only an escort to theaters, balls, receptions, private parties or anything within the range of human possibility, but as loaner. He is introduced as an old friend of the lady's family and is represented to be a person of elegant leisure.

To anxious mamma with marriageable daughters, to young ladies whose admirers are shy or bashful and to any person of the fair sex who desires to create a feeling of envy in the hearts of her lady friends, this automatic lover will prove an unalloyed joy. The watering place will lose half its doubts and fears when a lover can be hired for the season. Wall flowers in the ball room will be unknown and fashionable promenades will be thronged from noon until night. As the system comes more into operation, its sphere of usefulness will be so greatly enlarged that no first class city can do without one.

The industry represented by the proposed bureau offers employment to hundreds of young men who find ordinary business unremunerative or ungenial. That it will be fully appreciated by that class of persons there can be no doubt. It would seem at first glance that the escort bureau, with its unknown possibilities, would redeem from utter uselessness the large army of young men whose ambition rises no higher than their narrow-toed shoes and whose abilities reach the highest point when they succeed in living upon their fathers without recompense or work. In the first flush of expectation it is even hoped that something may be done with the cigarette-young man.

On second thought, however, it will be seen that the young men who make a success of the opportunities of the escort bureau must have education and more than usual intelligence and common sense. Before those barriers the cigarette youth and the young man who subsists on the end of a cane must go down into obscurity. With this chance gone the hope of making these two classes of young men useful vanishes, and the problem of their existences becomes as far from solution as ever.—[Philadelphia Times.]

What the Surveyor Rised.

A surveyor who was running township lines in a new county in this State last fall, was engaged by a farmer to survey the line between his farm and that of a neighbor. They had a line fence, but had engaged in several disputes as to whether it was on the divide. The surveyor was making preparations when the owner of the other farm approached and inquired:

"What are you going to do now?"

"Find the exact line," was the reply. At this the man wheeled and went off on the gallop, and he was seen no more until the line had been run. The surveyor and the first named farmer had just completed the work when the other came up to within about ten feet of them and asked:

"Well, have you got through?"

"Yes; all through."

"And is the fence a foot on his farm?"

"No, he has two feet of yours, and the fence must be moved so that you can have it."

The man sprang up on a stump, faced a thicker about five rods away, and yelled out:

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