



New Grange Song.

It is an ancient farmer,
And he is one of three;
He saith unto the middle man,
" We have no need of thee."

The Habit of Reading.

"I have no time to read," is the common complaint, and especially women, whose occupations are such as to prevent continuous book perusal.

It is the habit of reading rather than the time at our command that helps us on the road to learning. Many of the most cultivated persons, whose names have been famous as students, have given only two or three hours a day to their books.

Help Them to Grow.

Place a girl under the care of a kind-hearted, graceful woman, and she, unconsciously to herself, grows into a graceful lady. Place a boy in the establishment of a thorough-going, straight-forward business man, and he becomes a self-reliant, practical business man.

EXTENT OF THE CANNING BUSINESS.—The Journal of Applied Chemistry says that the number of canned peaches packed last year approximated about 12,000,000, tomatoes 18,000,000, and corn from 6,000,000 to 8,000,000.

CANNING PINE APPLES.—One establishment at Nassau, Bahama Islands, has about \$200,000 invested, and employs 600 hands in canning pine-apples.

Young Folks' Column.

Letters to Boys—No. 2.

I write this letter from Hampton Beach. Perhaps you would like to hear something about it.

The sea must be seen, to be appreciated. To me, it is brightly beautiful as it glistens like a "glass river," as wee Mabel calls it, in the sunbeams.

We gather shells, when the tide is out, (I will gladly throw you some if you will catch them,) then enjoy a visit to Neptune's Bower.

Here are shells large and small; shell ear-jewels, pins, necklaces, combs, crosses, boxes of all sizes, beautiful shells with emery ball and tape measure inside, delicate wreaths made of fishes' scales, and even charming flowers, dahlias, roses and buds; red, white and tinted, all made of shells.

The Indians must be visited, in their little tents on Boar's Head (a high point of land, running into the sea) and some cunning baskets purchased. And we stand on this point of land in a wild storm, when old ocean is lashed into fury, when the white sails are all gone, and white breakers take their place, when the people are driven indoors, and all we can see on the shore, is the wreck of an unlucky coasting vessel, the fish nets spread on the stones, and the queer boxes, with open-work wire sides for catching lobsters.

We do not care for a "life on the ocean wave" or to be "rocked in the cradle of the deep" at this time; and we are glad to reach our room, even if we do have to look at the black, brown, gray, blue, white and brick-colored horse, upon a green and yellow background, which composes the "drawn in" rug upon the floor.

Some of the boarders come in, and we shiver and bow our heads as they pass. Ugh! we had rather have walking run-jugs pass us, for they are not to blame for their contents. Now boys, perhaps you can guess why we would not like to live here. It seems almost as though every third building was a rum-shop.

OLD TIME AXIOMS.—The following are from an old scrap book. We reproduce them to show to the present generation what quaint ideas were promulgated by the teachers of our fathers and mothers of the olden time: An independent man is one who blacks his own boots, who can live without whiskey and tobacco, who earns at least a penny a day more than he spends, and who can, on a pinch, shave himself with brown soap and cold water without a mirror.

THE GOLDEN RULE APPLIED TO KISSING.—There is but one passage in the Bible where the girl is commanded to kiss the man, and that is the golden rule, "whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them."

Winter Feed for Stock.

Save the straw, stack it up in the best possible way to turn the rain, it may be wanted before the winter is over and the young grass offers a sufficient bite for stock. There is an unwritten mischief of deep import, which attaches to scant feeding and the merciless winter exposure of our stock.

It is a mistake to be importing stock, carefully matured into fine meat and wool-making qualities, and then wantonly run them back into their original wild state. We are making mistakes in this matter if we neglect to provide the same high feeding that has brought them up to their present standard of excellence; at least give them a sufficiency of something, if it is only the well kept straw of our cereals.

The Dairy.

English Butter Making.

From the English Farmer we cull the following as showing the kind of care bestowed upon butter making in that country, that our own home makers of butter may judge as to any difference in management likely to benefit them. Managers of large dairies also may see something in it to interest them.

We all read many directions for making good butter, and they are often written by those who never made one pound of it, but hold the pen of a ready writer on any subject which comes handy. I have no faith in their teaching any one to make butter, says a "housekeeper," but practical hints, learned from a continual practice for years, I always like to listen to.

In skimming the milk into the jar or cream can, be very particular not to let drops of cream fall upon the sides of it; but take up the skimmer full, shake out the milk, and let the cream fall into the center of the jar; and when cleaning off the skimmer, detach the cream from the forefinger on the edge of the skimmer, rather than on the jar.

Great cleanliness, and an exercise of common sense, are indispensable in the manufacture of butter. The direct rays of the sun should be shut out of the milk-room, and a strong current of air should never pass directly over the cream, as it turns it into a tough, skiny substance, which cannot make a good article.

Butter of the same quality cannot be made from various breeds of cows, fed upon different grasses or fodder, and that made from Alderney cows will always have a more brilliant color and a firmer texture, and command the best markets. And different grades of butter will always be found as long as the quality of milk differs so greatly; but three things must always be employed in its manufacture—pure air, cleanliness and brains—if one would command the highest prices for their dairy.

Champagne Wines.

A correspondent asks us where the best Champagne wines are brought from, and whether there is ever a red Champagne made. Champagne—one of the most celebrated of the French wines—is the produce chiefly of the province of that name, and is generally understood to be a brisk, effervescent or sparkling wine, of very fine flavor; but this is only one of the varieties of this class. There is both red and white Champagne, and each of these may be either still or brisk.

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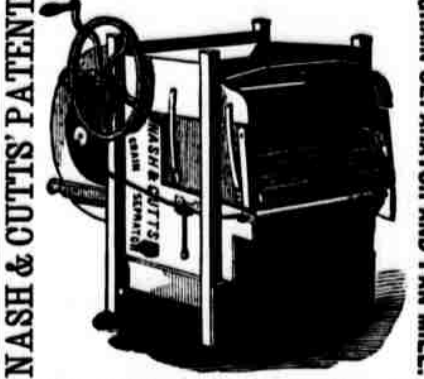
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