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MIZPAH.

Go thou thy way, and I go mine; Apart, yet not afar; Only a thin veil hangs between The pathways where we are. And "God keep watch 'tween thee and me"



JOE'S pencil, paper and arithmetic were before him, but the bustle usually attending the important ceremony of preparing his examples for the next day was missing.



GETTING UP TO RUN AROUND HIS CHAIR. A dim suspicion that his parent had not been the model boy of the school, and so could sympathize with him.

"Pa, do you think a person ought to get mad at you for just doing one wrong thing?" "Well," said pa, judiciously; "that depends. The one thing might be very serious, you know."

"Well, Crazy Willie is a crazy boy who comes to school sometimes, and he always has a wheelbarrow. He's bigger than you, pa, but he hasn't any mind."

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Quickly Turned the Joke. A Kansas City man went into one of the meat stalls at the city market, and finding a comely young woman in attendance, thought he would joke a bit with her.

home. I think she felt bad about Willie. "Miss Lucy told Harry and me she didn't like us any more and she didn't want us to come around her, because she thought we were dangerous; we might hit her. I water the plants when I finish my definitions in the afternoon and when I went after the bottle she said: 'No, Joseph Harris, you needn't go. I haven't any conference in you. How do I know but you might squirt water over the engineer? And he's bigger than you, pa."

"After a while a note came around saying the basement cat was gone and she asked the children if they knew anything about it, and she looked at me and Harry as if she thought we took it, and when she said good-night to Harry and me she didn't smile at all. Then after school all the other boys said of ought to be ashamed; and, pa, every one of them would have been in it, only they didn't come early enough. Harry and me went over to Willie's house and he gave him the nickel he was going to buy a stamp with, but I didn't have anything. I think I'll give him my best necktie, if ma will let me. He likes anything red. Do you think Miss Lucy will ever like me again? She said Willie wouldn't be that way if he could help it and we ought to be thankful we were all right."

"I wish ma would let me give him some pie and cake. I don't think he ever gets any. I wish I hadn't teased him, because he's only a little boy in his mind, Miss Lucy says, and it isn't fair to tease a boy, is it, pa?"

"Mr. Harris consoled Joe as well as he could, then said: 'Now I tell you what to do. Instead of doing your examples tonight, just write Miss Lucy a letter and you and I will walk over and leave it at the house. We'll put it under the door and then ring the bell and run away just as if it were a valentine.'"

"Pa" had much ado to keep from smiling when he read this, but managed to say gravely, "That will do very well, but I think we must have a few spelling lessons some time."

"On the way over to deliver the important letter "pa" remarked that the boy he had chased wasn't so very crazy and knew enough to take care of himself very well."

"That of course," he added, "it was wrong to tease him at all, though we generally got the worst of it."

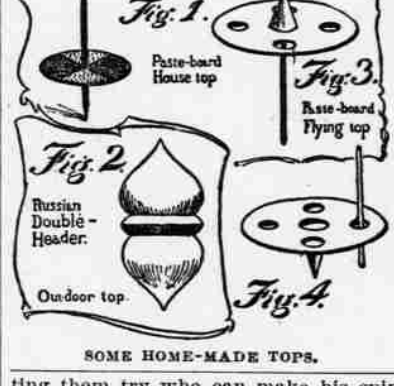
"And she let me water the plants and take a note to the engineer, too," he added. "Miss Lucy is a daisy," said his father, "and I don't think she'll teach school very long."

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Children's Corner

How to Make and Spin Tops. Any one can buy a top if he can get a few pennies from his father or mother, and any one can make far better and finer tops with a little trouble and industry. Here are some interesting tops that you can buy anywhere, but which you can make with very simple tools and cheap material.



SOME HOME-MADE TOPS.

A fine outdoor top is the Russian double-header. It can be whittled out of hard wood by any boy with a sharp jackknife, who will take care to get it just like Fig. 2. It is spun with a string around the middle, and if properly made will beat any of the single tops you can buy.

Uncle Sam's Detectives Have Important Duties to Perform. Uncle Sam's large and well-organized secret service is made up mostly of men who come properly under the head of detectives with police powers, but it has its class of bona fide spotters, whose entire duty it is to ingratiate themselves with persons suspected of having designs to evade the customs-house duties and to warn the baggage inspectors at this end of the impending swindle.

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that a boy of his age should wear such pendants and it was with much persuasion that she finally induced him to have his hair cut. When the barber had shorn him of his locks the mother secured them and placed them away for safe keeping.

Tommy Wanted a Pension. "Mamma," queried little Tommy, "can a door talk?" "No, dear, of course not," was the reply.

Not Always Polite Things. Teacher—What does h-u-u-t spell Johnny? Johnny—Dunno. Teacher—Don't you know what your father does when he loses his collar button? Johnny—Yes'm. He says things.

Would Still Be a Puller. "Charlie," said a visitor to a bright little 5-year-old, "are you going to be a dentist like your father and pull people's teeth when you grow up?" "No, sir," replied Charlie. "I'm going to be a lawyer like Uncle George and pull people's legs."

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TRUMPET CALLS.

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed. A GOOD man not only knows how to live; he knows how to die.

The begging church is a libel on the giving Christ. Man's favor is temporary; but God's is everlasting.

Abiding achievement is greater than restless activity. It is a jelly-fish creed that has no bones of difficulty.

No weapon will slay the enemy like the "Sword of the Spirit." The adder on a jeweled tray is as dangerous as its fellow in the dirt.

God knows how much faith we have, but tries us so we can honor Him with our faith. Charity draws from an exhaustless fountain; the more it gives, the more it has to give.

The modern plan is for a man to be a publican in his prayer and a pharisee in his practice. There is no promise that the church which is a poor beggar will rest in Abraham's bosom.

It is hopeless consulting the compass of conscience when you lay the loadstone of lust beside it. The roots of a strong tree do not make much rustle but they do the hanging on in time of storm.

You can always find many to go the way of riot with you, but then you can always find One, the Son of Man, to go the way of righteousness.

Bold in Their Thievery. "The thief which struck me the most forcibly in Mexico," said J. D. Proudfoot, who has just returned from a visit to the far south, "is the boldness and cleverness of the sneak thieves who invest the national capital. They call them raters down there, and if that word comes from rat it is well taken. The day before I left Mexico an old gentleman came in on the train and put his head out of the car window to see the sights. Just as the train pulled up at the depot a rater on the platform snatched off the old gentleman's hat. The old gentleman ran out of the car and, seeing the thief, he set his valise down in order to give chase. In an instant another rater had swiped the valise and both of the thieves got away."

Label Your Jokes. A joke that has for its point the misuse or the mispronunciation of a word cannot safely be used in mixed company. I've always fancied myself a wit, said a woman who went abroad last summer, and on the steamer coming home I really let myself out. Everybody was a bit seasick, and I—well, even I had times when I thought I'd rather own an automobile than any kind of a yacht. One day we all foregathered on deck, and talked about what we'd gone through—you know how people do on shipboard. I was talking in my cleverest vein with an English sailor.

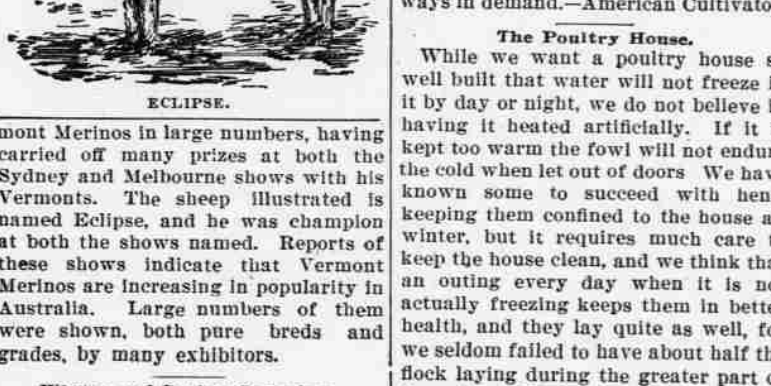


Farms and Farmers

Apples for the Northwest. SPECL FARM kukkoc'bin(Gu ffwzffig In reply to some criticism of his views about Russian apples, Prof. Hansen, of South Dakota, says in the Country Gentleman: "The facts are that in the sections of the Northwest where the American varieties fail, the Russian varieties as a class have proved superior in hardiness and that is the first essential. In more favored regions where American varieties are a commercial success I would say, 'Let well enough alone.' In time we hope to combine the high quality and long-keeping capacity of our best American winter varieties with the hardiness and freedom from scab of the hardest Russian sorts, but this work of crossing will demand patience and considerable time. The fact remains that the Minnesota State Horticultural Society only recommends three varieties as of the first degree of hardiness—viz.: Hiberna, Duchess and Chariotoff. (The name 'Oldenburg' has not been adopted by this society, as the old name, 'Duchess,' is so well established in Minnesota that the change would only cause confusion). Four other varieties are recommended as of the second degree of hardiness and of these two are American and two Russian. Of the thirteen recommended for trial at least three are Western seedlings of Duchess, three are American seedlings and seven are Russian. Neither class of apples needs defenders. Leave it to a vote of the fruitmen in each locality. It is simply a question of locality."

Raising Pigs. We always preferred to have the young pigs come in March rather than later in the season, partly because we were not too busy to attend to them, and more especially because they would be fattened before the weather was very cold and were ready to eat when we wanted the space for those intended to feed in the winter. Then, too, if we bred any to sell we usually found the price better in November than in December or January. With a well-built piggy we had no trouble in getting winter pigs to grow and be fit for the butcher at about seven months old, and if they would dress about 200 pounds each they were always in demand.—American Cultivator.

Sheep in Australia. The Breeder's Gazette publishes a picture of the champion "strong wool" Merino ram of Australia this season. This sheep is owned by S. McCaughey, Coonong, who likewise breeds Ver-



The Poultry House

While we want a poultry house so well built that water will not freeze in it by day or night, we do not believe in having it heated artificially. If it is kept too warm the fowl will not endure the cold when let out of doors. We have known some to succeed with hens, keeping them confined to the house all winter, but it requires much care to keep the house clean, and we think that an outing every day when it is not actually freezing keeps them in better health, and they lay quite as well, for we seldom failed to have about half the flock laying during the greater part of the winter.—Exchange.

Good Care of Stock Pigs. Never try to lay up a big bank account by raising scrub stock, says the Farmers' Advocate. If you have a good grade of stock and cannot afford to buy one or more thoroughbreds, you can make your grade stock better by liberally feeding and good care. Stunting young stock, though they may be thoroughbreds, will in a short time reduce them to worse than scrubs, because scrubs are never used to and do not receive but very ordinary care. The thoroughbred does expect liberal feeding and good care, and will degenerate without it.

Horse Talk. Never hit a horse on the head. It is not only cruel, but it is very foolish. You will likely injure him and he will lose all confidence in you, and he will watch every opportunity to escape from you. Another frightfully cruel, injurious and inexcusable act is to kick a horse in its belly. No man with the least intelligence or common sense will do it. Every farm should have at least one or two large box stalls to use for hospital purposes. No sick horse should ever be tied by the head. These hospital stalls should be in a detached building and kept disinfected and ready for use at any time. There should also be some means of heating in severe cold weather. The saving of even one horse with pneumonia by keeping the temperature even and comfortable would more than repay the expense for years. If a horse is inclined to stoke up in a stall, he should have the freedom of a box stall. Try it. The high-spirited, nervous horse will always do better in a box stall. Iron managers for grain are preferable to others, as they are easily kept sweet and clean. It is a good plan if your tie stalls are not quite warm enough, or are exposed to the in-rush of cold air when the outer doors are opened, to hang curtains at the back of the stalls from rods placed near the ceiling. These curtains can be made of old blankets, pieces of carpeting or old meal sacks sewed together. They should be fastened to rings on the rods so they can be pushed back and forth as occasion demands. Anything that adds to the comfort of a horse saves money for his master.—Farm Journal.

Cheap Way of Getting Fertilizer. At the meeting of the New Jersey Board of Agriculture one of the speakers gave his experience in improving a run down farm. He started with crimson clover, but later on he added the cow horn turnip to it, sowing a half peck of crimson clover and a pound of the turnip seed together, sowing among the corn in the summer and plowing under in the fall. Of three strips sown, one with buckwheat, one with crimson clover and one with the clover and turnip together, the latter gave so much the best result that the difference was noticeable in the next crop at quite a distance. It brought up poor soil to wonderful fertility.

Free Sulphur Baths. In Paris the public authorities supply gratuitously sulphurous baths to all workers who manipulate lead.