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Wise Child.

"But, Tommy," said his mother, "don't your conscience tell you you were doing wrong?"
"Yes'm," replied Tommy, "but I don't believe everything I hear."—Philadelphia Press.

Brutal Criticism.

"So you have been to the musicale. Don't you admire Miss Faddy's execution?"
"No, madam; I am opposed in all its shapes to capital punishment."—Baltimore American.

The Only Drawback.

First Girl—You know the older one grows the greater, I think, is a woman's capacity to fall in love.
Second Girl—But the fewer the men.—Detroit Free Press.

Incompatible.

The fire insurance agent was running for the office of tax assessor.
"Such a thing as that would never do! It is contrary to public policy!" exclaimed the taxpayers.
And his defeat was overwhelming.

Couldn't Touch Him.

"I tell you, sir, you're a liar!"
"Sir! If I were a fighting man I'd knock you down for that."
"I'll bet you \$10 I can prove it."
"Sir, I—er—never bet."—Philadelphia Press.

A Good Excuse.

Mother—I'm ashamed to think you can't do better in school. Why can't you lead your class?
Willie—Say, ma, you told me you didn't want me to be conceited, an' I notice when a boy leads the class he always gets conceited.—Philadelphia Press.

Ambassador Whitelaw Reid has given \$500 for the endowment of a bed for American sailors in the Union Jack Club, London.

Capital Punishment.

Capital punishment is still practised in many countries, though of late years, especially in the United States, it has been made as humane as possible. That creation of the French Revolution, the guillotine, is still used by some countries, and the old executioner's ax deals out justice in Brunswick.

The most humane method of execution, the electric chair, is used only in the United States. Spain employs the garrote, or iron collar, which is tightened until the victim strangles to death; and in Prussia the heads of prisoners are struck off with the sword. The guillotine is used in Bavaria and Belgium; and Russia destroys her criminals by shooting, hanging, and with the executioner's sword. The gallows is the official means of administering death in Great Britain; Austria has adopted the same means; but Chinese criminals are killed by the sword.

Safest.

The sentimental and lovesick youth stood gazing at the round, romantic moon.

"Yes," he confided, "the idol of my heart resides on you hill. To-night I shall serenade the cynosure of my affections as gallants were wont to do when knighthood was in flower. Now, what instrument do you think would be the most appropriate?"

"Well," replied his practical chum, "if I were you I should serenade her with a phonograph."
"What? A phonograph? Why, a phonograph is nothing like as romantic as a guitar."

"Yes, old chap, but you can start a phonograph and then run to the tall timbers before the shooting begins."

Too Much Exercise.

Hop Li had bought a cheap but "warranted" clock. At the end of a week he returned to the shop from which he had procured his time-piece, with no expression on his face, but with evident bewilderment of mind.

"She go, click, clack! click, clack! all light, tree day," he announced to the young woman who waited on him. "I wind all light, samee you say. Nex' day she go click, click—clack! click! click!—clack!"

"I shake her up—so!—down—so!—loud—so!—no good. She stop click—loud—clack!—only go when I clack."

"I say give me one less slake, more click, clack!"

Got Service.

The boarder who was a month behind with the landlady was surprised at the size of the heap of mashed potatoes on the plate the girl had brought him.

He was even more surprised when he found a folded paper in the center of the heap.

But he didn't open it. He knew what it was.

Carefully wiping it with his napkin, he put it in his vest pocket and went ahead calmly with his dinner.

You can't disconcert an experienced boarder.

A loud laugh, an over-vivacious manner betrays a lack of breeding. Copy the stillness of form, the quiet poise, which is the great charm of English women, while a vivacity somewhat under restraint adds that which is winning and piquante in the manner of our own countrywomen.

To an Italian, charged in a London court with drunkenness, the magistrate said: "Italians don't often get drunk. Don't get English ways."

Russian officers in camp receive money to pay for their meals, but in many cases they keep this for other purposes, and eat with the common soldiers.



The American Cow.

There are nearly 25,000,000 dairy cows in the United States, and enough other cattle to make a total of over 90,000,000 head, including bulls, oxen, young stock and "flocks and herds" which range to the valley free, and all condemned to slaughter. There are less than a million thoroughbred cattle in the country and more than 45,000,000 scrubs. The rest are half or higher grades. About 20,000,000 calves are born annually. The average value of a cow is \$22. In Rhode Island, a dairying State, the average is \$39.

The cows of the United States yield about 9,000,000,000 gallons of milk a year (watered and unwatered); the butter product is nearly 2,000,000,000 pounds (all grades), and the product of cheese over 300,000,000 pounds. Our cheese industry is making enormous strides. In a short time the output will be 1,000,000,000 pounds. There is one item, a by-product, which is never alluded to when Mistress Cow or Sis Cow is considered. Our gold production is about \$81,000,000 a year at present. That is a vast sum of money. Yet the rakings of our cow yards and stalls for the fertilization of crops are

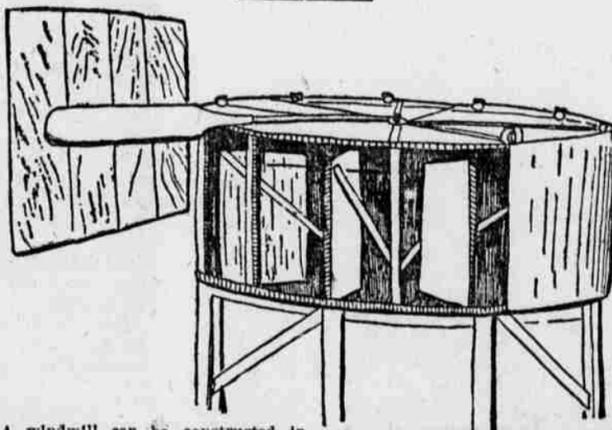
Developing a New Potato.

During the past season remarkable progress has been made in the cultivation of a new species of potato in the department of Vienne, in France. It originated in Uruguay, and is called the Solanum Commersoni. Amid its new environment in France, and by dint of careful cultivation and selection, it has developed several forms which promise to become fixed, and to possess much value as additions to the food resources of Europe. Among these forms, all springing from one parent species, there are a yellow variety, a white variety, a red variety and a variety not specially characterized by color, all of which possess distinctive shapes and qualities. A fact that particularly interests botanists and cultivators is that these varieties have evidently not yet reached their final settled forms, and the experiments of M. Labergerie in Vienne are closely watched because it is thought that they will throw light upon the unsettled question of the general origin of the potato.

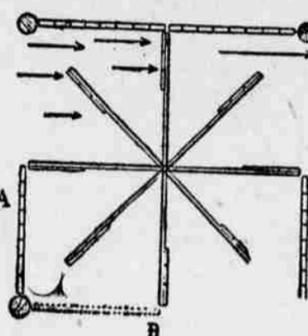
Horses That Gnaw.

Some horses have a very ugly and annoying habit of gnawing their feed boxes, mangers, and in fact every piece of wood in reach of them, when tied in the stable, to a rack, fence or gate. A very simple and effectual preventive is coal oil. Apply it with a brush or rag, so as to saturate the wood, and they will not touch it as long as the smell or taste of the oil remains. Coal oil is quite offensive to all kinds of animals. When oiling harness add a little kerosene to the harness oil and it will prevent rats and mice or anything else from gnaw-

MERRY GO-ROUND WINDMILL.



A windmill can be constructed in the form of a "merry-go-round," which has the fans revolving about a central axis. On the same axis a semi-circular hood is fixed so that it will expose half the fans and shield the other half. This revolving hood is easily guided by a large vane. Small and medium sized mills can be constructed in this way. The smaller diagram shows the ground plan of a "merry-go-round" on a slightly different principle. The diameter is 20 to 25 feet. Each of the four posts carries a gate, which may be opened or closed to admit or shut out the wind. The arrows indicate the course of the wind through one side, while the gate A shuts it off on the other side.



estimated to be worth in cold cash eight times as much, or \$648,000,000. Such figures are bewildering. They stagger humanity.—New York Press.

Burning Off the Strawberry Bed.

If the ground is the strawberry bed may be burned over, which will clean the surface. This need not be done until later, if preferred, or just before the winter mulch is removed. After the plants have made their growth a mulch of clean straw or salt hay will not only assist to promote their growth, but will protect against drought and also aid in keeping the fruit clean. It is not necessary to cultivate strawberries in early spring, as cultivation disturbs the surface roots, but the bed should be cleaned, however, by fire or raking.

A Good Whitewash.

A good wash for roofs and buildings is as follows: Slake lime in a close box, to prevent the escape of steam, and when slaked pass it through a sieve. To every six quarts of this lime add one quart of rock salt and one gallon of water. To every five gallons of this add, by slow degrees, three-quarters of a pound of potash and four quarts of fine sand. Coloring matter may be added if desired. Apply with a paint or whitewash brush.

Farm Work in Winter.

There are many duties on the farm that are performed only during certain seasons, but an amount of preliminary work can be done in winter which will save time in the spring. Not a seed should be planted that has not been examined, and an overhauling of the tools should not be overlooked. Get ready for spring in advance, so as to prepare for hurry during the planting season. The manure heap should also receive attention, as the condition of the manure will largely influence the start of the plants in the spring.

ing and chewing the leather.—Field and Farm.

Blackberries and Raspberries.

Considering the neglect given blackberry and raspberry canes in late summer, they pay well in comparison with other crops. If fruit growers will cultivate the canes, clean the ground well of weeds and grass as soon as the berry harvest is over, and apply fertilizer on the land, the effect of the good treatment will be apparent the following year. Weeds and grass rob the canes, and when it is considered that with the canes producing crops for several years in succession, and weeds and grass taking possession between the rows, the land becomes exhausted, the crops fall off and the canes die out.

Points in Plowing.

There may be disadvantages in fall plowing, as it is believed by some that the plowing of the land in the fall permits of the loss of soluble plant food in winter by leaching, but when the land is plowed late in the year, and then cross-plowed early in the spring, there is brought to the surface the larvae of insects, which perish on exposure to cold at the surface. To prevent the working of the soil after plowing, the work should be done in the fall and the land seeded to rye, or the land may be plowed in early spring.

Watching the Market.

The farmer who does not watch the market reports and prices will be at a disadvantage. If an article was high last year it may induce many to grow large crops of it this year. If an article is low it is possible that many will not make any attempt to grow anything with profit on that line. An experienced farmer states that he always plants the crops that others will not grow, for then it is sure to be below the demand and bring a good price. His method is worthy of consideration by others.

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