HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Force of Habit.

George W. Wallace, president of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company and one of the best known residents of Salt Lake, tells this as his latest telephone story:

In a certain western central office one hello girl was always late in arriving in the morning. Time and time again the manager pleaded with her to be more prompt. Her tardiness continued until he was moved to desperate methods.

"Now, Miss B.," he said one morning as he came to her exchange with a package in his hands, "I have a little scheme which I hope will enable you to arrive at the office on time. Here is a fine alarm clock for you. Promise me that you will use it."

The young woman promised and accordingly set the alarm clock for the proper hour when she retired that night. At 7 o'clock the next morning there was a tremendous whirring from the alarm clock. The sleepy hello girl rolled over in bed and said sweetly:

"'Line busy; call again.'"—Philadelphia Ledger.

His Wisdom.

"I haven't slid down the haystack once since I came out here to Uncle Hornback's farm—no, siree!" wrote Bobby Jonks, who was spending a week in the country. "I have read too much about the needle in the haystack. I like fun, all right, but I don't want to be tickled to death that way."—Woman's Home Companion.

An Ill Wind.

Old Mr. Brownson was reading the paper to his wife one morning and exclaimed in a louder tone of voice:

"In a recent storm at sea a ship loaded with passengers went ashore."

"How fortunate," placidly said old Mrs. Brownson. "I can imagine how glad those passengers were to get on dry land."—New York Press.

The Difference.

"She's really not cultured at all. She says she can't understand Browning at all."

"But one may be cultured and yet not understand Browning."

"Of course one may not understand it, but one should never admit it."—Baltimore News.

A Sense of Delicacy.

"In a few years we will hear no more of grafting," said the earnest reformer.

"I sincerely hope so," answered Senator Sorghum. "It is an ugly word of low origin. I will be glad when a substitute is provided."—Washington Star.

The European Brand.

Gladys—Lord De Broke seems to be paying Miss Moneybags marked attention.

Virginia—Yes, dollar marked attention.

Something Novel.

"Yes, the Spotley girls gave her a tin shower."

"So I heard. And the Grimshaw girls gave her a plaster shower."

"A plaster shower?"

"Yes. A lot of the parlor ceiling fell on the party."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

New to Her.

He—I saw our old neighbor, Mr. Skinner, this morning. It seems he's interested in one of those wildcat mining companies now—

She—The idea! I never knew you had to mine for wildcats.—Philadelphia Press.

The Way of It.

Mrs. Ascum—This is Mrs. Borem's at home day. Are you going to call on her?

Mrs. Fox—Gracious, no! I only call on her when I'm sure it's not her at home day.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Druggist's Troubles.

"Mister."

"Well?" said the druggist.

"Maw wants to know if she tries a porous plaster for a week an' don't like it will you exchange it fer a toothbrush?"—Minneapolis Tribune.

Still In Doubt.

Reporter—Uncle, to what do you attribute your long life?

Oldest Inhabitant—I don't know yit, young feller. They's several o' these patent medicine companies that's dickerin' with me.—Chicago Tribune.

Culture.

"Miss Elderleigh is such a refined and cultured girl, isn't she?"

"Yes. She even calls it a 'limb o' mutton sleeve.'"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Between Friends.

Jinks—What did you think of that cigar I gave you this morning?

Bronson—Don't ask me, please. I'm trying to forget it.—Detroit Tribune

HINTS FOR FARMERS

Mottles in Butter.

Salting butter that is up to 58 or 60 degrees with salt that is down close to the freezing point will cause mottles in the butter. The very cold salt hardens the particles. To prevent this warm the salt to the same temperature as the butter. Some one has suggested using a trier in the butter after taking out of the churn and if streaks are found then putting it back in the churn and working it more. While this might improve it in one way, it would injure it in another by overworking it. Dried cream sticking to the side of the vat often causes streaks in the butter. It is better to adopt ways of preventing mottles getting in the butter as far as possible rather than to undertake to remove them after they are in there. A strainer is one of the best utensils for preventing this trouble.—V. M. Couch in Rural New Yorker.

Value of Various Feeds.

Silage has no market value. Corn silage is commonly reckoned to be worth about $2 a ton, and I suppose it would be fair to assume that pea vine silage of good quality is worth somewhat more, say $2.50. Cull beans can best be fed to sheep, pigs or steers, but they must be fed with care in all cases and for pigs or steers must be first boiled. If they are free from dirt, they are probably worth from $10 to $12 a ton.

Beans are too costly for stock feeding as a rule. They are rich in protein. They are sometimes fed to sheep whole and uncooked as a part ration; for hogs and other stock they are usually cooked and mixed with cornmeal or other material.—Professor H. H. Wing in American Agriculturist.

Worms in Horses.

For worms in horses mix one teaspoonful each of copperas and tartar emetic and two teaspoonfuls of cottonseed meal at a dose, morning and night, for a week. Then give a purge of one ounce of spirits of turpentine and one pint of raw linseed oil. In three weeks repeat the above treatment. Between the two courses of treatment and for two or three weeks after the last, if necessary, give the following: Powder and mix four ounces each of copperas and saltpeter, divide into twenty-four powders and give a powder night and morning in a small hot bran mash.—Atlanta Constitution.

Clean the Plow.

The following plan for cleaning the plow, which will work well on other tools of iron or steel, is recommended: Slowly add one pint of sulphuric acid to one quart of water, handling it carefully and stirring slowly, as considerable heat will result from the mixing. When it is cool moisten the surface of the metal with this and then rub dry, after which wash off with pure water. This application should clean any surface not too badly rusted, but if the tool has been long neglected it may require more than one application. After cleaning a thorough coating of grease is given before putting the tool away, and when taken out to use give another greasing, and it will go easier.

Increased the Potato Yield.

In a three year test of growing potatoes after clover at the Ontario station an average increase of thirty-seven bushels per acre was obtained as compared with growing potatoes without the use of clover. For fertilizing the land for potatoes it is recommended to use a moderate quantity of barnyard manure applied on the clover in the fall or of well rotten manure used in the spring, or if commercial fertilizers are used an application of 500 or 800 pounds or more per acre in the proportion of 250 pounds of nitrate of soda, 350 pounds of superphosphate and 200 pounds of sulphate or muriate of potash.

Ensilage For Dairy Cows.

A dairyman who two years ago was induced to put up a silo and feed his cows ensilage has this to say in speaking of his experience: "I cannot refrain from saying that to the dairyman the value of it has not been half told. To my mind it furnishes a solution of the question of how to get the largest possible amount of interest out of our lands, and I believe that the dairy cow and the silo are so far the best solution of the question offered. I believe that the importance of the silo should be kept uppermost in the minds of the Dakota dairymen."—Dakota Farmer.

Pea Meal and Wheat For Pigs.

In some Idaho tests pigs were fed from Aug. 18 to Sept. 25 on shorts soaked from one feed to the next. From Sept. 25 to Nov. 21 they were fed chopped wheat and from Nov. 25 until Dec. 17 they were given a mixture of one-third chopped wheat and two-thirds pea meal. The pigs made the largest gains during the period when the mixture consisted of pea meal and chopped wheat. This mixture, however, was not fed long enough to warrant definite conclusions regarding its value.

Concerning Poultry.

No farmer is justified in keeping mongrel poultry, not in this day and age of the world. It is the same with poultry as with horses, cattle or hogs—the most money is made in producing thoroughbred stock. It takes no more house room or yard room and no more feed to raise pure blooded fowls than it does to raise common mongrel scrubs.—Michigan Farmer.

Coal Ashes For Poultry.

Most farmers do not appreciate the value of coal ashes in the poultry house. They are a fine absorbent, taking up all moisture and all bad odors. The cinders supply an abrasive [illegible]

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Forcemeat Balls.

Take six slices from a stale loaf of bread, free from crust, put them into a basin, pour over them just enough hot milk to moisten the bread, but not to make it "soppy," and when cool add a tablespoonful of chopped parsley and a medium sized onion chopped and lightly fried in butter. Season with salt and pepper, beat up with a fork, then make into a paste with two well beaten eggs and just enough flour to bind the mixture. Shape into balls the size of walnuts and drop into the boiling soup about a quarter of an hour before serving.

Kitchen Hints.

Without cleanliness and punctuality good cooking is impossible.

Leave nothing dirty; clean and clear as you go.

Haste without hurry saves worry, fuss and flurry.

Stew boiled is stew spoiled.

Strong fire for roasting; clear fire for broiling.

Wash vegetables in three waters.

Boil fish quickly; boil meat slowly.

A good cook wastes nothing.

Crust Coffee For Invalids.

Crust coffee or toast tea is an old fashioned drink, but is rarely made as palatable as it might be. The best way to make it is to bake slowly some thin slices of bread in the oven until very dark brown. Pour one cup of boiling water on to a heaping teaspoonful of the dried breadcrumbs, let it stand a few minutes in a small saucepan, where it will keep hot, then pour it through a strainer into a cup and serve at once.

Devonshire Clotted Cream.

Put a broad, shallow pan of milk just milked on the side of the range and bring very slowly to the scalding hot point, but do not let it reach the stage where the boil begins. Leave it where it will keep very hot for twenty minutes or half an hour; then stand in a cold place and later set on the ice until all the cream has risen. Skim off the cream carefully, being sure not to take the milk with it.

Attachment For Brooms.

The dustpan attachment for brooms herewith shown can readily be applied to any ordinary broom and operated to enable the dirt to be swept into the pan conveniently and without necessitating the sweeper to stoop closely over the dustpan during the operation.

DUSTPAN AND BROOM.

In sweeping the attachment is securely held against the broom, the bottom of the dustpan being held against the side of the broom and the broom used in the ordinary manner. When the dirt being swept up is collected at some point the broom is turned around so as to enable the dustpan to descend to the floor in such a way as shown in the illustration. The mouth of the dustpan is then disposed toward the broom and on the opposite side of the dirt, which is then swept into the dustpan.

Cut Flowers.

The best time to cut flowers to keep well is in the early morning before the sun's rays have reached them. A knife or a pair of scissors should always be used to clip them off, as they should be cut smooth and clean from the stem and never broken off. Flowers that are not fully developed will keep the longest, but they should reach their maturity of color and size before being cut.

Use For Old Blankets.

When blankets have become thin and unsightly from long use have them washed, put two or three together and cover them with pretty sateen to make quilts. Button down the quilts here and there, mattress fashion, to keep them in proper shape and finish off with a nice frill of sateen.

Mustard Poultice.

When a mustard poultice is wanted very strong it may be made with mustard and warm vinegar or when not required so strong equal quantities of mustard and linseed meal may be mixed with warm water.

For Colds.

For colds give the children a teaspoonful of castor oil and all the water they can drink. If the cold be a very bad one a small teaspoonful of melted vaseline is good. This is good for grown people too.

Glassware Brightness.

Make a strong decoction of horse radish leaves, little sliced and steeped [illegible] Wash the glassware in [illegible] with the liquid [illegible] to remove [illegible]

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