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Played Poker in a Poorhouse.

There has been a pronounced stand against gambling in some quarters at Portsmouth recently. The fire police departments have been equipped to abandon card playing, and a grown poker game has been broken up at the infirmary.

It appears that several of the inmates of small pensions and others earn their money occasionally for tobacco outside work. They have lately been playing most of it to some of their fellow inmates who are skilled in the manipulation of the cards. They used playing cards and grains of coffee as chips and played in the basement of the building. A poker game in a poorhouse might be considered sufficiently unusual to warrant permitting to proceed as a matter of course, but Superintendent Mershon thought not and placed the participants under discipline.—Columbus Dispatch.

Two Million Dollars Destroyed.

We have done away with the \$2,000,000 bundle of money that we used to allow the brides who visited the bride to handle," said a treasury guide, and they do not seem to be pleased with it. Many is the bride to whom I have handed the bundle marked "\$2,000,000," with the remark, "Now you better say you had \$2,000,000 in your pocket." It tickled them wonderfully, and they went away happy, but ignorant of what they handled. What was in the bundle? I don't remember distinctly, but there was no money in it. The night, I know, was made up of two cents reports. It served them as well as real money.—Washington Star.

Mixed Jury in a Divorce Case.

By order of the court and consent of counsel on both sides, six men and six women compose the jury impaneled for the case of Phipps versus Phipps, a petition for divorce and the custody of minor child, now in progress at Brookline, S. D., before District Judge Andrews. The jury will endeavor to return general findings, the court having reserved itself the right of deciding on the general verdict as well as that of accepting or rejecting the findings.

Beware Of Mercury!

Mr. Henry Roth, of 1848 South 9th Street, St. Louis, was given the usual mercurial treatment for contagious skin disease. He was twice pronounced cured, but the disease returned each time, he was seized with rheumatic pains, and red lumps and sores covered his body.

"I was in a horrible fix," he says, "and the more treatment I received, the worse I seemed to get. A New York specialist said he could cure me, but his treatment did me no good whatever. I was stiff and full of pains, my left arm was useless so that I was unable to do even the lightest work. This was my condition when I began to take S. S. S., and a few bottles convinced me that I was being benefited. I continued the medicine, and one dozen bottles cured me sound and well. My system was under the effects of mercury, and I would soon have been a complete wreck but for S. S. S."

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A Warm Weather Milk House.

A very convenient milk house for warm climates, or for summer use in colder sections, is shown in the engraving herewith. It is six feet square and six feet high at the eaves, which is large enough for the milk of two or three cows. The house is built under a large grape arbor, about twenty feet from my kitchen pump. The milk tank, which is twelve inches deep and fourteen inches wide at the top, extends along the north side. It has a screen cover, which may be covered with cloth in very hot or dusty weather. A table with shelf underneath occupies the southeast corner. A space just above the level of the tank, two feet wide and extending on all sides of the house, is covered with wire screen. Shelves above the screen and below the tank give sufficient room for pails and butter dishes. The milk is set in pails. A galvanized iron pipe leads from a small tank at the side of the pump down eighteen inches below the surface of the ground, across the twenty-



foot space and up again to the level of the milk tank. An overflow pipe at the other end of the tank carries off the water after it has reached the proper height in the tank. Another pipe, at the bottom of the tank, is used for emptying it when desired. The door in the southwest corner is of wood, but could be of screen if preferred. Board shutters cover the screens in rainy weather. The water in the tank may be changed at any time by pumping water into the small tank at the well.—American Agriculturist.

Evils of Close Pasturing.

Close pasturing in autumn retards the growth in the early spring. When the covering of roots is eaten right down to the ground the frost penetrates more deeply, hence the ground remains cold longer in the spring. The cold winds, also, which sweep over the surface of the earth tend to retard growth. Take the very same field, compare the growth in early spring on the portions eaten bare with that made on the parts where more or less of a mulch of uncut grass covered the roots all winter, and you will find that the grass blades on the parts so protected will have made several inches of growth before they commenced to grow on the other portions of the field. The yield of meadows is greatly increased, as already intimated, when they are not pastured closely. The advantage of the protection from the uncut portion of the grass will be greater in dry than in moist seasons, but with some grasses it will be considerable in any season. Shallow-rooted grasses are thus greatly benefited. With timothy meadows the benefit in the crop is so great that it is at least an open question as to whether they should ever be pastured so long as they are to be retained as meadow. It is different with deep-rooted plants; they are less easily injured by either drought or frost.

Useful Garden Tool.

Our engraving shows a very handy home-made tool for leveling seed beds in the garden or for grading walks



and lawns. The board can be of considerable length, sharp at one edge, with a bit of flat iron riveted to the edge, the used-up blade of an old wood-saw being excellent for this purpose. The handle is braced firmly by a half-circle of iron which a blacksmith can fit in place in a few moments. With such an implement the work of leveling and grading can be done quickly and easily. It should have a piece in any garden kit.

Grass for Sandy Soils.

It is very difficult to keep soils fertile if they contain a large proportion of sand. If they are kept under cultivation this difficulty is increased, as the sand both blows and washes away when exposed to winds. For this reason many owners of sandy fields keep

them seeded with grass or clover as much as possible, and only plowing them when the seedling runs out.

"Hair Balls."

What looked like a new horse disease, has turned out to be an accumulation of the hairy calyxes and flower stalks of the crimson clover plant, in the stomachs of the afflicted animals. The trouble was first reported in Delaware, and has since become prevalent in other localities. The short barbed "hairs" of the plant accumulate, and form into hard, compact balls, which close up the intestines of the animal, and produce peritonitis, gangrene and finally death. As many as thirty of these balls have been taken from one animal. It is advisable in view of all this, to abstain from feeding this species of clover to stock after the plants have ceased flowering, and especially never to use for fodder the straw raised and threshed as a seed crop. The dangerous hairs do not become stiff until the plant has passed the flowering stage, and has begun to ripen. Use caution in this direction.

Training the Heifer.

In training young heifers it is well to remember that gentle handling is a great factor in gaining their good will and submission to be handled. All dairy animals, whether young or old, should be taught to regard their master as their best friend. If the young heifer is to be made a useful and pleasant animal for the dairy, it is important that she should be handled and accustomed to all necessary manipulations while she is a calf. If they are handled familiarly from the first, there will usually be very little trouble with them. When force is used at the start to compel them to submit to being milked, then the trouble begins. Many a young heifer has been ruined as a dairy cow by bad usage. Get her started right, and much future trouble will be avoided; it will be far better to exercise a little patience than to have trouble as long as she is a cow.

Advantages of Diversified Farming.

Diversified farming has two great advantages over that which is confined to one or two specialties. If the different crops are properly chosen there will be a succession of marketing to be done through the year, and also something to be done on the farm to keep its labor employed at all times. Where the specialty only is grown, though it may bring a good deal of money when sold, most of this has already been expended during the season while the crop was being grown. This is the difficulty with the Southern planter who depends wholly on his cotton crop. After the expense of making it is deducted the planter has less ready money than if he had more crops, so as to be able to sell something every month in the year.

Live Stock Notes.

Stock keeping keeps up the fertility of the farm.

If animals cannot understand language, they at least realize that a gentle voice betokens kindness toward them.

Keep the fences cattle proof. When cattle are tempted to jump a low, broken-down fence, a dangerous habit may be started.

A well-bred, well-fed yearling steer can be made to outweigh at twelve months the scrub at twenty-four months. This being true, why continue to raise scrubs?

The meat of an animal whose bone and muscle have been fully developed is better than the meat of an animal that has been forced on the fat side from the beginning.

Keep no unprofitable stock, whether it be horse, cow, hog, dog or poultry. Make it a point that every month on the farm must at least earn the food it eats. Keeping "dead stock" is making many farmers poor.

The color of an animal affects its sale as much as the other points of the animal. Breed with the end in view to get good conformation and color in the steers that you want to send to market and in the cows that you want to sell.

Poultry Pointers.

When the bird begins to wheeze, you have a case of roup on hand.

Keep the coops and yards sweet by freely using air-slaked lime.

When the nests are where the dog can run before and around them, either the dog, the nests or the laying hens are out of place. Laying hens need to be kept quiet.

Keep the poultry out of the barn. It's no place for hens. You can't give them the care they need; you can't fight the lice, and you don't want them littering up the barn.

Are some of your fowls looking pale around the head, and not as lively as they should be? Look to the grit supply and put a few drops of tincture of iron in the drinking water.

It is best not to feed cooked vegetables to fowls during warm weather. They are too heating and fattening. Besides, there is so much desirable green stuff on the farm that is going to waste.

A TERRIBLE RIDE.

From the Evening Times, Buffalo, N. Y.

Along one of the dismal roads in Western New York, a man and wife were driving as rapidly as the darkness and inclement weather would permit.

The rain beat down upon the rubber covering and found its way into every crack and opening.

The occupants of the buggy were Dean Jones and his wife, of Springville, N. Y. Everybody is familiar with the name. He is the well-known starting judge, who has become famous for his impartial and fair treatment of jockeys at the post.

It was about ten years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Jones took that fearful ride that came near costing her her life.

Mrs. Jones' clothes were thoroughly soaked before town was reached. Their was no fire in their hotel room and she became chilled to the bone before the little blaze, the attendant started, warmed the atmosphere.

From that time on Mrs. Jones was an ill woman.

Her trouble—well, it was about everything with which human flesh can be afflicted. She had a strange, queer feeling in her head, that felt as if several shot were rolling around loose on her brain. Pen cannot describe the torture she suffered. Local doctors told her she had water on the brain.

A Times reporter called upon Mrs. Jones, who said:

"Ever since that terrible wetting I received, up to a year ago, I was an invalid. I had terrible neuralgic pains in the head which often went to my feet and limbs. I was often in such a terrible state that I had to use a crutch to get around or else slide a chair before me to move about the house. I was very ill for five years, in spells, and never expected to get well. It was a blood disease, I guess. One of the doctors I consulted said I had clotted blood in my head, and perhaps I did. He could not cure me, neither could several other doctors I tried. I also used many patent medicines, but they did me no good.

"My complexion was a perfect white, and my ears were so transparent you could look through them. My blood was turning to water.

"Look at me now; do I look sick?"

The reporter was forced to admit that he had seldom seen a more perfect embodiment of health.

With pardonable pride, Mrs. Jones said, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People did it."

"I can go anywhere now, while before I commenced using Dr. Williams' remedy I could not move out of the house.

"For three years, would you believe it, I did not even go to church. I was not always confined to my bed, but could not leave the house.

"Wherever I go people say, 'Why, Mrs. Jones, how well you are looking. How did it happen?' and I always tell them 'Pink Pills did it.'"

"I have not had the slightest touch of my old illness for the last six months and feel as if I never had been ill in my life."

Mr. Jones said, "you can readily imagine how highly we regard the remedy in this house where we have had a wife and mother restored to perfect health."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, (50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50—they are never sold in bulk, or by the 100) by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

For a pretty decoration at a summer wedding when the ceremony is performed at home Bell Bayless offers the following suggestion in The Ladies' Home Journal:

"Take a tennis net, fish net or hammock that may be cut the desired size and fasten it to the rings of a curtain pole, looping it twice and then allowing it to fall to the ground. Then wave white flowers in and out the meshes, taking ferns or delicately cut foliage for a fringed border, being careful not to give too solid an appearance, and cover looping cords with a rope of flowers. White narcissus, lilacs and honeysuckle with white clover ropes may be used, but any flowers in season may be utilized—daisies, spiraea, apple or plum blossoms, roses, chrysanthemums, anything white, but if preferred, pink, blue or yellow for a border or entire drapery would be very dainty. Asparagus vine works in beautifully for a green background."

Ida H. Hyde.

It is interesting to note that Miss Ida H. Hyde of Chicago, who has just taken the degree of doctor of philosophy magna cum laude at the University of Heidelberg, would have had magna cum laude attached to her parchment save for the conservatism of one member of the faculty. No one, not even he, disputed her right to the higher encomium, but he could not bring himself to concur in such superlative praise for a woman. Miss Hyde has held during part of her course in Germany the European fellowship of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. Her splendid showing has naturally greatly delighted and encouraged that body of intelligent and devoted women.—New York Times.

A Woman Orchestra Conductor.

Mrs. Sophie Keller is the first woman conductor in Denmark. In 1895 she retired from the operatic stage, after a brilliant lyric career of 25 years, and began to teach. Last autumn she founded an institution called the Women's Private Society For Concerts, which opened with about 1,000 active and associate members. Now she is gathering a complete orchestra of girls. Both undertakings are proving very successful. The music at the women's concerts is of a high character, and Mrs. Keller's enterprises have excited great interest in Denmark.—Boston Woman's Journal.

TOO LATE TO MEND.

There is a point beyond which medication cannot go. Before it is too late to mend, persons of a rheumatic tendency, inherited or acquired, should use that benignant defense against the further progress of the super-tensuous maldy-rheumatism. The name of this proven restorer is Hostetter's Stomach Bitter, which, it would also be recalled, cures dyspepsia, liver complaint, fever and ague, debility and nervousness.

No fewer than 16,000 persons die in Italy every year from malarial fever, and there are 4,000 communes where quinine is not to be had.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has been a God-send to me.—Wm. B. McClellan, Chester, Florida, Sept. 17, 1895.

Sixty dollars was the sum charged by Police Commissioner Welles, of Brooklyn, to a policeman for taking a drink of beer while on duty.

Professor Goldwin Smith, in a letter to the London Times, says that the demand for the franchise for women is dying out in the United States.

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