

JIM AND JOHN.

Jim and John were townsmen and chums, and went out to see base ball. It was a red hot afternoon, and the bleachers were like frying pans at breakfast time. Jim had a bald head and John had a crick in the back. They sat for an underdone roast and laughed at everything. Jim's bald spot was a shining mark, like a brass door handle. A stray ball, nerve and sharp, from a false bat, struck the spot and ploughed a furrow. It dazed him. Jim's eyes and face looked like a sick owl's, and John laughed. He laughed an hour straight along. The game ran late into twilight. Meanwhile John had shed his coat, and a cool damp draft got in its work on his back. The time came to leave, but John couldn't. He couldn't bend or get up. Lumbago had set in, in its worst form. He laughs best who laughs last and Jim had revenge. But they got down town to Jim's room, when he said, "Here's something all those athletes use for hurts and ailments, and it's the best known cure for lame back." He rubbed it on John's back and some on his own head. They were both feeling cured and comfortable from the use of St. Jacobs Oil, which Jim always kept in a handy place. He was a sport himself and knew what was best. They went to bed. John laughed in his sleep. Both rose in the morning fresh as daisies; then Jim laughed at John.

Nebraska's New Ballot Law.

The new ballot law of Nebraska, passed last winter by the legislature, is causing some confusion, as it revolutionizes the manner of arranging the ballots. The tickets will be printed in separate columns, with a pictorial device at the head, and not a single column, with the names of the candidates arranged alphabetically, as heretofore. The choice of judges and clerks of election is also vested in the county judges. The changes are so radical as to create a fear of trouble at the November election.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Taking off the hat or cap as a sign of reverence or respect was mentioned in the time of Caesar.

In Larue county, Kentucky, it is said that Charles Williams has grown a bunch of white blackberries.

It is said that in the best districts of China the tea crop will average from 300 to 400 pounds per acre.

Bears have been so thick around Idaho that it has been said there was a bear for every bushel.

Over 4,000 frozen rabbits are annually exported to the London markets from Victoria, Australia.

The one thing for which lace paper may be used and be considered good form on a table is for cheese.

Marriage at midnight, the ceremony being performed by a coroner, is the last Kansan eccentricity reported.

The tea plant is said by Chinese writers to have been cultivated in that country from at least 3,000 B. C.

The gossamer iron made at Swansea, Wales, is so thin that 4,800 plates are needed to make an inch of thickness.

Near Alvord, Iowa, a can of stamps which were stolen from the postoffice at Lester, in that state, two years ago, was plowed up recently.

What Neglect Leads To.

Mrs. Chas. King's Experience.

A woman's body is the repository of the most delicate mechanism, and yet most women will let it get out of order just as if it were of no consequence. Their backs ache, heads throb and burn; they have wandering pains, now here and now there; experience extreme lassitude, that don't care and want-to-be-left-alone feeling, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, and the blues, yet do nothing to help themselves. These indicate womb complications.

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CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A DEPARTMENT FOR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Something that will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—Quaint Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cute and Cunning Children.

A Boy's Vacation.

Little Tommy Doodle and his mother spent a week at Gran'pa Doodle's farm, where Tommy tumbled in the creek and got his lungs so full of wet he couldn't get his breath.

'Till poor old Gran'ma Doodle had been frightened most to death. He ate some poison berries that he found along the lane; It took a doctor half the night to soothe away the pain. He tried to ride a "kicky" colt—a risky thing to do—'Twas quite a little while before they really brought him to.

He stuck a stick into a hive of bees—oh, sorry day! He couldn't see a thing until the swelling went away. He teased the goat to see if it was cross as he had heard; They had to work with him a while before he spoke a word.

And then he climbed a cherry tree—just like a boy—and fell And broke his arm, and—sakes alive! you ought 'a' heard him yell. His mother took him back to town to get a little rest, But Tommy says of all his life that week was far the best.

A Tale of Two Bears.

Once upon a time two bears lived together in a hollow tree. It was a long time before any white men came to this country, and the bears were a great and powerful race. One of these bears was a handsome fellow, and he liked to go visiting and to lie in the sun and to eat dinner regularly. The other bear was a quiet fellow, and most of his friends said that he was very stupid. Every day while his brother lolled comfortably under a gooseberry bush he would go out into the forest and find a huge oak. Then he would stand up on his hind legs and scratch the rough bark with his claws until they were as sharp as needles. It was hard work, and the other bear laughed at him for doing it.

"What's the use of sharpening your claws?" he asked. "Game's plenty," and then he would go back to sleep again.

That winter was long and cold, and when the two bears came out of the hollow tree in the spring they were both thin and hungry and cross. The handsome fellow went down to the creek and tried to catch some fish for dinner, but the ice was so thick and slippery that his dull claws made no impression on it. A little later his brother came down and dug a hole near the waterfall and caught a great many fish and ate them. The handsome bear, who was both cross and hungry, began to grumble.

"I never have any luck," he said. "You're the lucky one of the family."

"Luck," said the other, who was feeling comfortable after a full dinner. "It wasn't luck at all. I sharpened my claws last fall while you were sleeping in the sunshine."

A Boy Should Learn

To let cigarettes alone. To be kind to all animals. To be manly and courageous. To ride, row, shoot and swim. To build a fence scientifically. To fill the woodbox every night. To be gentle to his little sisters. To shut doors without slamming. To sew on a button and darn a stocking.

To do errands promptly and cheerfully. To shut the door in winter to keep the cold out.

To shut doors in summer to keep the flies out.

To wash dishes and make his bed when necessary.

To have a dog if possible and make a companion of him.

Youngsters' Jokes.

A minister who used to preach in Somerville had a little boy. A few days before his father left the city to go to his new parish one of his neighbors said to the little boy: "So your father is going to work in New Bedford, is he?" The little boy looked up wondering. "Oh, no," he said. "Only preach."

A lady taking tea at a small company, being very fond of hot rolls, was asked to have another. "Really, I cannot," she modestly replied. "I don't know how many I've eaten already." "I do," unexpectedly exclaimed a juvenile upstart, whose mother allowed him a seat at the table. "You've eaten eight. I've been counting."

Two little brothers, aged respectively 4 and 6 years old, fell in with a stray kitten, which, suffering by the hands of some cruel person, had of its tail scarcely half an inch remaining. "Poor little kitten," said the younger one. "Who has cut off its tail? I wonder if it will grow again?" To which the elder gravely remarked: "Of course it will! Don't you see, the root is there?"

A little 4-year-old was taken on a visit to grandma in the country. There, for the first time, he had a near view of a cow. He would stand and look on while the man milked and ask all manner of questions. In this way he learned that the long crooked branches on the cow's head were called horns. Now the little fellow knew of only one kind of horn, and a few days after obtaining this information, hearing a strange kind of bellowing noise in the yard, he ran out to ascertain its cause. In a few minutes he returned, with wonder and delight depicted on his countenance, exclaiming: "Mamma, mamma! Oh, do come out here! The cow's blowing her horns!"

Artesian Water in Sahara.

One of the most important results of the Egyptian expedition up the Nile has been the discovery that by sinking deep wells water may be found in the desert in many places where its presence had not been suspected. Not only will this give a secure basis for military operations, but it is possible that water may be found in sufficient quantities to serve for irrigation, in which case the Sahara may be turned into a flower garden. Its aridity comes from no material sterility of the soil, but simply from lack of moisture.

ALMOST INSIDE OUT.

The stomach that is not turned thus by a shaking up on the "briny wave" must be well fortified one. The gastric apparatus can be rendered proof against sickness with that stomachic so popular among travelers by sea and land—Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It defends the system against malaria and rheumatism, and cures liver complaint, constipation and dyspepsia.

To make white soup use veal for stock, and beef for brown stock; to color amber soup use a little burnt sugar, just enough to make the desired amber shade.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark. I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought, and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M.D.

Persons who suffer from the cold should wear loose clothing in chilly weather, remembering that two thin garments retain more heat than one thick one.

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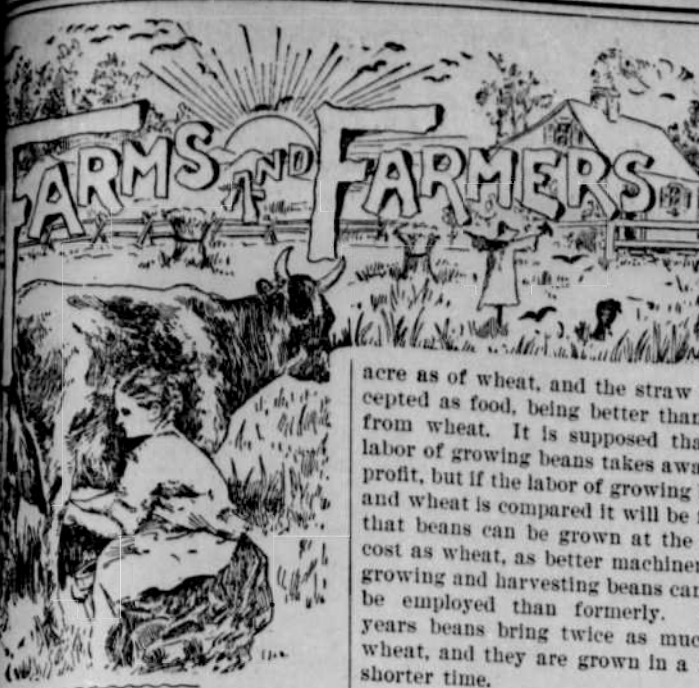
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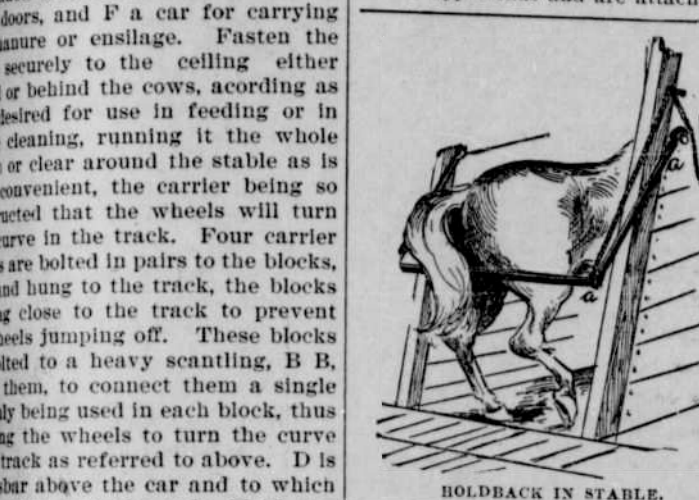
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HANDY CARRIER.

The accompanying illustration is prepared in the hope that some one may be assisted in lightening the farm labor by the use of this ensilage or manure carrier. The illustration is taken from Farm, Field and Fireside. G G G track of iron such as is used for doors, and F a car for carrying manure or ensilage. Fasten the car securely to the ceiling either in front or behind the cows, according as desired for use in feeding or in cleaning, running it the whole length or clear around the stable as is convenient, the carrier being so constructed that the wheels will turn in a curve in the track. Four carrier cars are bolted in pairs to the blocks, and hung to the track, the blocks being close to the track to prevent wheels jumping off. These blocks are bolted to a heavy scantling, B B, and then, to connect them a single rod only being used in each block, thus turning the wheels to turn the curve of the track as referred to above. D is a crossbar above the car and to which car F is hung by rods, H H, the ends of the rods hooking into the holes near the bottom of the car. A may be a rod from the crossbar to the back end of the car to steady the wheels to dump, which can be easily by simply unhooking this. C is a heavy swivel connecting member between the two pairs of



HOLDBACK IN STABLE.

the woodwork of the stall. A cord is fastened to the device for raising or lowering as required. When not in use it is raised and is well out of the way of everything. In use, it does not interfere at all with the animal's movements, except to prevent his being too free with his feet