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Far from It.

"Yes, I've heard of him. He's what you call a loan shark, isn't he?"

"Lone shark? Not on your life! He's got plenty of company, in this town."

The Unattainable.

Isabel—Auntie, pray tell me why you never married.

Wasabel—Child, I waited too long for a prince, when I might have had a duke.

Foiled.

"Ah!" said Bragley, with a view to making Miss Wise jealous. "I was alone last evening with some one I admire very much."

"Ah!" echoed the bright girl. "Alone, were you?"—Philadelphia Press.

Strange as It May Seem.

"Senator," asked his constituent, "how does it happen that you have never been mixed up in any of these squabbles or scandals?"

"O, that's because I'm a good mixer," said Senator Lotsmun.

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Used to Being Ground.

Man with the Bulbous Nose—So you've got to go through the divorce mill, have you?

Man with the Bulging Brow—Yes, but I don't mind that. I've had my nose to the grindstone for sixteen years.

Love's Test.

The young husband's face was aflame with a deathless devotion.

"Pulsatilla," he exclaimed, clasping her to his heart, "I'll wear it, no matter what the boys at the office say! And I'll smoke 'em if they kill me!"—Chicago Tribune.

Information.

Mrs. Chugwater—What is this "bread line" they talk about so much, Josiah?

Mr. Chugwater—You've seen one of these long ropes of macaroni, haven't you? Well, that's it.

Father Won't Forget.

Mrs. Tyte-Phist—Jimmy needs a pair of shoes.

Mr. Tyte-Physt—I know it. Jimmy has been a good boy lately, and I am going to get him a pair for a Christmas gift.

Lame Back Prescription.

The increased use of whiskey for lame back rheumatism is causing considerable discussion among the medical fraternity. It is an almost infallible cure when mixed with certain other ingredients and taken properly. The following formula is effective: "To one half pint of good whiskey add one ounce of Toris Compound and one ounce Syrup Sarsaparilla Compound. Take in tablespoonful doses before each meal and before retiring." Toris compound is a product of the laboratories of the Globe Pharmaceutical Co., Chicago, but it as well as the other ingredients can be had from any good druggist.

No Apologies to Make.

Nan—Your nice new waist is all crumpled.

Fan—Well, suppose it is! Do you think Jack is an armless wonder?

His Fatal Mistake.

"Succeedin' in life," moralized Uncle Ephraim, "'pends altogeddah on yo' gittin' de right staht. De way I missed it, chillen, was dat I didn't staht as a Caucassian."—Chicago Tribune.

Simplifying It.

"Doctor, what makes people have the hiccups?"

"'Hiccup' is the onomatopœic word popularly used to designate singultus, which is a sudden closure of the glottis, superinduced by a spasmodic contraction of the diaphragm."

"That's what I tell my wife. She says it's caused by laughin', or eatin' somethin' dry, or catchin' your breath at the wrong time."

Gray and the Elegy.

Thomas Gray kept the elegy by him for nine years before he gave it to the world. He polished away at it all those years as a lapidary polishes a gem, and the result was he made it a gem. In his whole life he wrote comparatively little, and when asked why he had written so little he replied, "Because of the exertion it costs in the labor of composition."

Bees and Their Baskets.

Every bee carries his market basket around his hind legs. Any one examining the baby of a bee through a microscope will observe that on the hind legs of the creature there is a fringe of stiff hairs on the surface, the hairs approaching each other at the tips, so as to form a sort of cage. This is the bee's basket, and into it, after a successful journey, he will cram enough pollen to last him for two or three days.

Taking Him at His Word.

Excited Caller (at police station)—I had my pocket picked on the street cars just now!

Desk Sergeant—Well, if you had it done what are you coming here to kick about?

Uncle Allen.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "one of these statesman fellows who thinks he's steering a mighty judicious course between the radicals and the conservatives wabbles just enough to make both of 'em sore on him."

Young.

Elderly Relative — I really think, Gladys, you should marry young.

Gladys (with a charming blush)—Why, Aunt Annabel, how did you find out his name?

Make the Dairy Pay.

There are 21,194,000 milch cows in the United States—an average of one cow to four of the population. The fact that there has been an increase per capita of the consumption of milk and a decrease of cows per capita of the population indicates that there has been an improvement in the quality of the dairy cows of the country.

In the decade of 1890 to 1900 the average production of every dairy cow showed an increase of 1,000 pounds of milk, or a commercial gain of $211,000,000. Yet with this improvement admitted, there are many dairies that are being operated at a loss. The life of a dairy cow is estimated at seven years and her annual depreciation represents one-seventh of her full value, which is taken into consideration in computing the profits of the herd. If the dairyman would ascertain if his herd is paying a profit he needs to charge for the help to operate it, the cost of the feed, the interest on the investment and the normal depreciation of the value of the cows. All these items enter into fixed operating charges and need to be deducted from the gross receipts of the dairy before profits can be computed. The receipts of the dairy should not only pay the operating expenses and fixed charges, but also leave a liberal balance for profit.

Homemade Cabbage Cutter.

A cheap and easily made cabbage and root cutter is shown in the cut. Take two 12-inch boards and nail them strongly together. With dividers describe a circle, then saw out and mark in quarters. Cut four slots 7 inches long on a slant, as shown by dotted lines, so the cabbage will fall through easily. Next cut two circles 4 inches in diameter. Nail one to the large wheel on the back and leave the other loose on the shaft to act as a bearing.

Make a frame to admit the wheel, leaving 2 inches clear, and just wide enough so the knives do not strike the side. Make a top over the wheel, and put a hopper on the opposite side from the crank. The knives are 8 inches long and can be made from an old buck-saw and ground down sharp, with a bevel on one side. Screw these on the

ROOT CUTTER.

wheel at a slant according to the thickness the cabbage is wanted. A square hole should be cut through the center of the wheel for the shaft.—Farm and Home.

Time for Oats Land.

An application of 1,000 pounds of lime per acre was practically as efficient in case of oats as an application of 2,000 pounds in tests made at the New Jersey station. In the case of clover the larger application gave the better results. Lime in the form of carbonate produced more dry matter than nitrogen and ash burned lime. The results of the studies of nitrogen fixation were quite irregular, but agree in general in indicating that the addition of fertilizer materials increased nitrogen fixation and that carbonate of lime favored nitrogen fixation to a greater extent than burned lime.

American Limburger Cheese.

It is now claimed that the United States makes just as good limburger cheese as does the province in Belgium where it originated. The American method is to take a piece of a calf's stomach and set it away in a warm place in a can of whole milk. In about forty minutes the curdling mess is pounded and then the whey pressed out. Afterward forms are filled and further drainage permitted. Salt is rubbed on the outside until it becomes slippery; then the cheese is set away in the cellar to ripen for a month or two and the germs do the rest.

Tobacco Growers Combine.

The Union Tobacco Society, representing tobacco-growing interests in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin, with estimated assets of $30,000,000, has been organized. The purpose of the organization is said to be to protect the tobacco growers from a minimum price, and the consumer from a maximum scale. The interests of the growers in the States named will be pooled and the tobacco sold through a Board of Directors.

Calves' Brains.

Wash the brains carefully and cut each pair into four pieces, taking away all bits of fiber and skin. Rinse well, wipe dry and dip each piece first in beaten egg, then in cracker crumbs, then in egg and again in cracker crumbs and fry in hot fat.

Around the Dairy.

There must be no guesswork about feeding the calf. The stomach of the young calf is easily ruined by slipshod methods of feeding. Think of this wh tempted to feed it milk that is too hot or too cold in a bucket that is not as clean and sweet as it should be.

Milk that sticks to the sides of the pail and becomes sour is a bad proposition, as it may cause an attack of the scours. This trouble means a break in the calf's growth, perhaps a stunted calf, and in the end an animal of little value.

Do not oblige the cows to bunk about the straw pile until the chilly nights are past. Dry spots for them to sleep on are usually very scarce at that season of the year.

Don't turn the cattle to pasture too early. A good plan to follow is to wait until you conclude the grass is sufficiently large to turn them on, then wait a week or ten days longer.

A Self-Feeding Crib.

A combined corn crib and feeding shed is shown in the sketch. The feed bunk is covered by a lean-to shed 16

FEEDING SHED AND CORN CRIB.

feet wide. Small doors opening into the crib every two feet just over the manger allow the corn to come out without shoveling. This shed should be built on the south side of the crib in a bright, sunny place. This arrangement is a great labor saver and quite an aid in bad weather, especially if the ends are inclosed.—Farm and Home.

Uses of Corn.

The Crop Reporter is endeavoring to tell for what purposes corn is used. In the year 1899, so this authority states, the total crop was 2,666,000,000 bushels. Of this crop 241,000,000 bushels were consumed in the flour and grist mills; 8,000,000 in manufacture of starch, 9,000,000 for malt liquors, 17,000,000 in distilling of liquors, 40,000,000 for glucose, 190,000,000 for export, and 13,000,000 for seed. This accounts for only 19.3 per cent of the entire crop, most of the remainder being used for feeding purposes. The more one studies the corn crop, the more interesting it becomes. Its magnitude as a food-giver and labor-employer grows with every observation one makes of the corn crop.—Springfield Register.

Farm Wells.

Unsanitary dairy wells are a menace to health, and as the country becomes more closely settled more and more care is necessary to provide good water. The director of the Chicago hygienic laboratory reports that of 153 wells on near-by dairy farms, examined by the inspectors, only eleven were found to be safe for domestic purposes. In all cases the safe wells were those lined with cement, with cement covers, with a protecting flange of cement several feet out from the well. In some of the wells used for washing milk utensils, a high percentage of colon bacteria were found, and in some cases manure could be detected microscopically and by the odor.

Millet for Late Crops.

Millet as a late crop to plant in case of the failure of the corn crop or failure to get corn planted at all, is recommended by the Ohio station. The earlier sorts can be seeded through July, and make fair fields. Hay is the most common use made of the crop, and for this it compares favorably with timothy, both in composition and digestibility. It is good feed for cattle, horses and sheep, but when overripe should not be fed to horses exclusively, as it affects the kidneys. Millet is also grown for pasture seed, and even for silage. As a soil cleaner, it is also almost equal to a summer fallow.

German Mode of Preserving Milk.

A German patent specification describes a process for preserving milk by removing all dissolved oxygen by means of the addition of a small quantity of ferrous carbonate. The process is based on the fact that freshly-precipitated ferrous carbonate in the presence of oxygen immediately assimilates oxygen and evolves an equivalent quantity of carbon dioxide. One part of ferrous carbonate is sufficient for 50,000 parts of milk, and the properties of the milk are not altered in any way by the addition, which should be made before the milk is boiled.

Cribbing Corn.

The corn crib should be narrow and slatted on the sides and ends, so that a free circulation of air is possible in all directions. Some farmers place hollow crates in the cribs as they are filled, so that there will be no heating or spoiling in the center of the mass. Heating destroys the corn germ

Molasses Cake.

Into two-thirds of a cup of molasses stir a tablespoonful of melted butter, two-thirds of a cup of coffee, a half-cup of sugar, one beaten egg, one and a half teaspoonfuls of soda dissolved in a tablespoonful of hot water, and one and one-half cups of flour. Mix well and bake in a loaf tin.

Old Favorites

Keep a Stiff Upper Lip.

There has something gone wrong,
My brave boy, it appears,
For I see your proud struggle
To keep back the tears.
That is right; when you can not
Give trouble the slip,
Then bear it, still keeping
"A stiff upper lip!"

Though you can not escape
Disappointment and care,
There's one thing you can do—
It is, learn how to bear.
If when for life's prizes
You're running, you trip,
Get up, start again,
"Keep a stiff upper lip."

Let your hands and your conscience
Be honest and clean;
Scorn to touch or to think
Of the thing that is mean;
But hold on to the pure
And the right with firm grip;
And though hard be the task,
"Keep a stiff upper lip."

Through childhood, through manhood,
Through life to the end,
Struggle bravely and stand
By your colors, my friend;
Only yield when you must,
"Never give up the ship,"
But fight on to the last
"With a stiff upper lip."

—Phoebe Carey.

Jingle Bells.

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse, open sleigh;
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way;
Bells on bob-tail ring,
Making spirits bright;
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song to-night!

CHORUS.

Jingle, bells! jingle, bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!
Jingle, bells, jingle bells!
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!

A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fannie Bright
Was seated at my side;
The horse was lean and lank;
Misfortune seemed his lot;
He got into a drifted bank
And we—we got upsot!

Now the ground is white;
Go it while you're young;
Take the girls to-night
And sing this sleighing song;
Just get a bob-tailed bay,
Two-forty for his speed;
Then hitch him to an open sleigh,
And crack! you'll take the lead.

LYDIA THOMPSON.

Death of an Actress Who Once Created a Furore in This Country.

The death of Lydia Thompson, an English actress, recalls the wonderful change that has come over the American stage in a little more than a generation. When she came here with the British Blondes in 1868 women in tights were not permitted in any but the lowest theaters. The excitement and controversy that followed the coming of the Blondes were tremendous. The newspapers criticised them severely, calling their appearance indecent, and ministers denounced their performance as the work of the devil. And now we have the Salome dance!

LYDIA THOMPSON.

Notwithstanding the newspapers and the ministers, Lydia Thompson met with great receptions. She first appeared in New York in the burlesque "Ixion," and because the women of the company wore blonde wigs they were dubbed the "British Blondes," a name that clung to them. One of their performances, "The Forty Thieves," ran for 100 nights—something at that time unprecedented. All told, Miss Thompson made four visits to the United States, touring as far as the Pacific coast. Her success may be indicated by the fact that when she was in Cincinnati even the bootblacks subscribed their dimes to present her with a silver wreath. In Chicago she horsewhipped a newspaper man who had written an insulting article concerning one of her songs.

Miss Thompson first appeared on the London stage in 1852. Four years later she toured Europe and she won such favor that in many cities she was serenaded and escorted by torchlight parades. Her last appearance on the stage was in 1895, in London. She was 72 when she died recently, having been born in 1836.

Tamed.

"Gracious! hear the wild geese!" said papa, laying his paper aside and sitting up.

"That isn't wild geese," explained mamma, "that's daughter's tame goose honking his auto horn to let her know he is coming."—Houston Post.

A Cheap Blowout.

A canny old Scotchman, MacDougal,
Who, like all of his people, was frugal,
Whene'er he felt fine,
'Stead of ordering wine
Would go blow himself on a bugle!
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Sam Weller.

It was Sam Weller who made Dickens famous. "Pickwick Papers" were a complete failure financially until this unique character was introduced. The press was all but unanimous in praising Samival as an entirely original character whom none but a great genius could have created. Dickens received over $16,000 for "Pickwick Papers," and at the age of twenty-six he was incomparably the most popular author of his day.—London Standard.

Naturally.

Boss—When you told that new clerk he'd have to hump himself if he expected to hold his job how did he take it?

Department Manager—He got his back up right away.

The Coop.

"This flat is a mere coop."

"Yes, John," said his wife sweetly, "and the cook has just flew it."—Pittsburg Post.

Unhygienic Roosting.

The Countryman—Down here, sir, we make it a rule to go to bed with the chickens.

The Britisher—Er—don't you find it beastly unhealthy?—Puck.

Profitable for Them.

City Man—Does it pay to keep hens these days?

Suburbanite—Yes, it pays the hens; they get their board and lodging absolutely free.

A Sure Sign.

"I can't understand how you tell the age of a horse by looking at his teeth," said the city girl.

"I can't tell jist exactly," replied the old farmer. "But if he hez false teeth I know he ain't no colt."

Privileged.

"O, but wasn't Tennyson a great poet!"

"You bet! He could violate every rule of rhyme or rhythm without being called down for it."

Consecutive.

Percy—Pshaw! What if she did? Two negatives in the same sentence are equivalent to an affirmative.

Algy—Yes, but she said "Naw! Nit!" and it sounded like two sentences.

Making It Home-like.

A good story is told on Sam Crawford, the heavy slugger of the Tigers. By trade Crawford is a barber. The other day he went into a restaurant, drew himself up to a table, stuck his feet under and looked satisfied.

"Waiter, a little beefsteak and onions, please."

"Yes, sir. Have some nice ham and cabbage also?"

"No."

"How about some prime roast beef?"

"Don't want any."

"A little of our elegant tripe would do you good."

"John," called the proprietor, "what d'ye mean by annoying a customer like that?"

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The Father—And who is he?

The Son—My tailor. He says I'm the slowest chap he's got on his books.

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