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SANTIAM FARM TOPICS.

Mrs Harry Freeman and four children started out Monday morning for their new home in Lake county. Harry expects to leave the last of the week with a car of household goods and stock.

I see by the Thomas topics that some smart automobile driver crowded too close to a buggy, running into one wheel and almost demolished the rig. All such auto drivers ought to be fined, besides a man needs a good billy to give him a few he would remember. I came near having a similar scrape one day last week when a fool driver whizzed by me like lightning, barely brushing my wheels. I would have liked to punched a few holes in his tires with a 22 as I did not know he was there as he failed to blow his fog horn.

Our road work is progressing fine. The County court was over and inspected the work and proposed to complete it into town if the people would subscribe \$100. R D Powell mounted his pony and had the money before noon. We will now have a fine crushed rock road from A T Powell's into Scio. Hurrah for Billy, the road boss.

The Santiam Farm now has a fine lot of 200 gallons of Himalaya berries. Any one wishing them can gather them for 10c per gallon. He also has fine sweet corn and vegetables to accommodate his old customers when out peddling.

Misses Ella and Bertha Smith of Racoon Hollow went up Sunday to visit with their brother Frank who lives near the Salt Lake schoolhouse. Miss Ella is contemplating a visit to Canada in a few days to see her sister.

There has been a petition circulated through this section to remove the post office from Billy Turnidge's store as they claim he is not giving general satisfaction.

Mr Farmer of Portland, the eye specialist who is peddling specks, called in over night at the Santiam Farm, where he stopped in six years ago.

PIE EATER.

An Eye to Safety.

"Captain," said a wealthy passenger, who was about to take his first trip across the ocean, "I understand this ship has got several water tight compartments."

"Yes, sir," was the reply.
"Captain," the passenger went on, decidedly, "I want one of those compartments. I don't care what it costs."—London Telegraph.

Handel's Retort.

A vocalist of the eighteenth century called Gordon accused Handel of accompanying him badly and said if he did not change his style he would jump on the harpsichord and smash it. "Let me know ven you vill do dat," was the reply. "and I advertise. I am sure more people vill come to see you jump dan to hear you sing!"

The Family Portraits.

"What would you say of a man if he should hang the portraits of his family on the outside of his house?" asked a builder who has put up some of the finest residences in the city.

"I might say he was crazy," responded his friend.

"Softly, softly. The man I have in mind is far from that. He's only in love with his family," went on the builder. "He has just had a costly dwelling built on Fifth avenue opposite Central park. Over the street door the medallion portraits of his wife and two children are chiseled in marble by a noted sculptor. Strangers often stop to admire the work of the artist."—New York Sun.

A Case of Caste.

A German professor praised American democracy at a Boston dinner.

"You have equality here," he said, "and the gods, I am sure, look down on you with grave nods of approval.

"But hov the gods must laugh at the silly social distinctions which prevail abroad. I know, for example, of a cabinet minister who on an electioneering tour was invited to dine with two village political lights—a garbage man and an ash man.

"The minister accepted the invitation with pleasure, and the garbage man also said he would be there, but the ash man spotted everything by refusing to sit at table with a garbage man."—Exchange.

Strong Emotion.

Five-year-old Billy was swinging on the front gate. "How's mother this morning?" asked a passing neighbor cheerily. Billy looked serious. "I don't think she feels very good. Mrs. Brown. Her bestest rosebush is dyin' and she had to use lots of emotion."

Mrs. Brown looked sympathetic, but puzzled. "Poor mother! Did it really make her cry?"

"No!" with scornful emphasis. "She just putted some soapuds an' kerosene on the bush to kill the bad little bugs."

"Oh, yes; emulsion!" said the questioner as the light dawned upon her.

"That's what I said," explained Billy patiently. "kerosene emotion."—Los Angeles Times.

Beethoven's Oddities.

Beethoven used the snuffers for a toothpick. It was one of his peculiarities that he never allowed his servant to enter his study. He insisted that this room should remain exactly as he left it, no matter how deeply the dust lay on the precious musical manuscripts. He seldom looked in the glass when he tied his stock. Half the time he forgot to brush his hair. Every morning, he carefully counted out seventeen beans from the coffee canister. These served for his breakfast. When he composed he would pour cold water over his hands, and often people below him would complain of the water that soaked through his floor.

Describing a Railroad.

The Pall Mall Gazette in 1890 asked its readers to name the worst railway in England. And one English Kicker answered thus: "Sir—The Southeastern railway is the very worst railway in the world. The engines are asthmatic. Its lamps are trimmed by foolish virgins. Its fares are excessive. Its carriages let in the snow in winter and are furnaces in summer. Its motto is unpunctuality. Its principal station is approached through the neck of a bottle. It ruins the temper, destroys the digestion and enables one to realize the horrors of Dante's 'Inferno.' I am, sir, yours obediently, the Worm Who Turns."

The First Gas Tubes.

William Murdoch, a Scottish mining engineer, appears to have been the first to suggest that gas might be conveyed in tubes and used instead of lamps and candles. He made a very ingenious gas lantern for himself, with which he used to light his way over the Cornish moors at night. This lantern consisted of a bag filled with gas and fitted with a tube, at the end of which the gas could be lighted. Carrying the bag under his arm, Murdoch used to light his way home at night. On meeting any one he would give the bag a squeeze and thus send out a long tongue of flame. This led to his being looked upon as the demon of the Cornish moors.

LOOK TO TODAY.

Know thou, my heart, if thou art not happy today thou shalt never be happy. Today it is given thee to be patient, unselfish, purposeful; to be strong, eager and to work mightily. If thou doest these things, and doest them with a grateful heart, thou shalt be as happy as it is given man to be on earth.—Havergal.

ARE YOU GROWING?

How can you tell whether you are growing? Ask yourself these questions: Are you getting taller? Are you able to overlook some things you were unable to overlook last year? To overlook the sneering glance, the harsh word, the selfish, unkind or malicious deed? Serenely to overlook failure when you have done your best? Bravely to overlook misfortune when it was unavoidable? Cheerily to overlook dark days and darker frowns? Are you getting tall enough for this?—Amos R. Wells.

Costly Treatment

"I was troubled with constipation and indigestion and spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and treatment," writes C H Hines of Whitlow, Ark. "I went to a St Louis hospital, also to a hospital in New Orleans, but no cure was effected. On returning home I began taking Chamberlains tablets and worked right along. I used them for some time and am now all right." Sold by all dealers.

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