

Anecdote and Incident

Dr. Franklin was irreverent when a boy. One day after the winter provisions had been salted, he said: "I think, father, that if you would say grace over the whole cask, it would be a great saving at meal time."

A writer in What to Eat was once at a summer hotel when Larry Jerome arrived and ordered dinner in half an hour. "How many of you are there?" asked the head waiter. "How many of me," said Jerome, "do I look like a combination troupe?"

Haydn, who was a famous glutton, once landed in Dover with an empty stomach and ordered dinner for four at a tavern. When it was ready to be served, the waiter inquired about the company. "Gompany?" said the composer. "I am the gompany."

During the revolution, a little American privateer once stole up on an English line of battle ship in a fog, mistaking her for an East India merchant, and ordered her to strike. When the seventy-four ran out her guns and threatened to blow her puny assailant out of the water, the Yankee skipper stepped to the gangway, and, taking off his hat, said politely: "Oh, very well, sir, if you won't surrender, I will."

The learned Oxford professor, Max Muller, once asked Vivekananda if Ramkrishna, a great Hindu religious teacher, knew Sanskrit. The answer at first was evasive, but finally Vivekananda said: "When Ramkrishna was in the jungle as an ascetic, a beautiful woman came down from heaven and taught him the language." "Nonsense!" was Muller's reply; "the only way to learn Sanskrit is to get a grammar and a dictionary and go to work."

The King of Siam is not as yet a Shakspearean scholar. On the recent occasion of his visit to Denmark, he accompanied the Crown Prince Frederick to Helgoland, and was duly conducted to the grave of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark. Here he took off his hat and stood for a moment in reverential silence. Then, turning to the crown prince, he said, with deep sympathy: "A relation of your royal highness, I presume. Has he been long dead?"

A Tennessean tells this story of a darky freight hand on a Southern railway. It seems that Ben, the darky, had been placed in charge of a mule, whose destination was marked on a tag attached by twine to the mule's leg. Before the animal had been persuaded to enter a car, he, in some way, managed to reach the tag and, before Ben could interpose, the mule had the tag well chewed up. The old man looked up the local freight agent and asked in perturbation: "What I goin' do, wid dat mule? He done et up de place w'ere he's goin'."

Dr. Johnson called one morning on Benjamin West to converse with him on American affairs. After some time Mr. West said that he had a young American (Gilbert Stuart) living with him, from whom he might derive some information, and introduced Stuart. The conversation continued (Stuart being thus invited to take part in it), when the doctor observed to Mr. West that the young man spoke very good English; and turning to Stuart, rudely asked him where he had learned it. Stuart very promptly replied: "Sir, I can better tell you where I did not learn it—it was not from your dictionary."

In Scotland when an infant is to be baptized, the father is bound to show some kind of speaking acquaintance with the shorter catechism. One day a collier went to his minister to bespeak him for the christening of his child. "How many commandments hae ye?" asked the minister. "Twenty," rejoined the collier, who was forthwith sent back to pursue his studies in elementary theology. On his way he met a brother miner, who was going to the minister on a similar errand. "How many commandments hae ye, Jock?" asked the first. "Ten." "Oh! you needn't trouble him wi' ten; I offered him twenty the while, but he wasna satisfied."

The Constitution was a beautiful ship, and wherever she went excited the most favorable comment. After the war she was visited by an English officer of high rank, who, after making an inspection, said: "This is one of the finest frigates I ever saw, if not the finest; but I must say that her wheel is clumsy and ugly and unworthy of the vessel." The Yankee captain replied: "Sir, that wheel is the only English thing in the ship. During her action with the Java her own wheel was knocked to pieces by a shot. After the Java was captured we took her wheel and fitted it to the Constitution, and although we think it as ugly as you do, we have kept it as a trophy."

An old woman whose husband was ill in bed sent for the doctor, who came and saw the old lady. "I will send him some medicine," he said on leaving, "which must be taken in a recumbent posture." After he had gone the old woman sat down, greatly puzzled. "The recumbent posture—a recumbent posture!" she kept repeating. "I haven't got one." At last she thought, "I will go and see if old Mrs. Smith has got one to lend me." Accordingly she went and said to her neighbor: "Have you a recumbent posture to lend me to put some medicine in?" Mrs. Smith, who was equally ignorant as her friend, replied: "I had one, but to tell you the truth I have lost it."

William K. Vanderbilt, when he last visited Constantinople, one day invited Coquelin the elder, who happened to be in Constantinople at the time, to give a private recital on board of his yacht, lying in the Bosphorus. Coquelin spoke three of his monologues. A few days

afterward Coquelin received the following memorandum from the millionaire: "You have brought tears to our eyes and laughter to our hearts. Since all philosophers are agreed that laughter is preferable to weeping, your account with me stands thus: 'For tears, six times, six hundred dollars. For laughter, twelve times, twenty-four hundred dollars. Total, three thousand dollars. Kindly acknowledge receipt for enclosed check.' The actor, it is needless to add, found no fault with this assessment of his mimic powers, and duly acknowledged the receipt of his fee."

Sir Isaac Holden, who died last month in England, after attaining his ninety-first year, set out comparatively early in life to live as long as possible. In the matter of exercise his rule was to spend at least two hours a day in the open air. In the use of alcohol he was decidedly abstemious, yet not a total abstainer, and he smoked tobacco moderately. In diet his chief peculiarity was that he avoided bread, thinking it undesirable food for a person who wished to live long, because of its excessive starchiness and the amount of earthy matter that it left in the system. His chief foods in his later years were meats, soups and fruits. He said, a few years ago, that for breakfast he ate a baked apple, an orange, about twenty grapes and a biscuit made of bananas; for mid-day dinner about three ounces of beef or mutton, and sometimes a half-cupful of soup. When he ate fish, he took less meat. His supper was like his breakfast.

A WIFE WANTED.

The predicament of a College Professor Owing to Vassar's Tradition. There is a tradition to the effect that no man is allowed to become a member of the Vassar faculty unless he is married. Whether the tradition has any grounds it is hard to say. One thing is certain, if the tradition were not true, then the following story could not be true either, and where is the man of woman brave enough to deny the truth of the story?

Based, primarily, therefore, upon the tradition, the story goes on to affirm that if an unmarried man makes application to become a member of the Vassar faculty, he is, all other things concurring, only permitted to do so on condition that he get married and at once. Sometimes this is easier than at other times. A young man who sought to fill the Vassar chair of history not long ago (at least so says the story) was so acceptable in every way that his examiners forgot to inquire into the most important thing of all—his state of single or double blessedness. Not until the day for opening the college was at hand did any one of them recall how shockingly they had left undone those things which they ought to have done. The young man, by that time arrived, had to confess that he was a bachelor. Well, there was nothing for it but the one thing, so the faculty hemmed and hawed a bit and finally got it out that the young man must get married.

"We'll give you just two weeks," they said; "otherwise you will have to resign your place. Surely you know of some girl that you can get to marry you within two weeks." It was now the turn of the poor young man to hem and haw, but he saw that there was no alternative, his whole professional future depended upon it, so he permitted himself to be hustled off the campus before any of the susceptible students caught sight of him, promising to return within a fortnight married. He was as good as his word, though (according to the story) he had a pretty hard time fulfilling the contract to the letter. Besides its verification of the tradition, this story has another value. It speciously disproves the charge that Vassar or any other woman's college poses as a discourager of matrimony.

Worth Seeing.

A pleasant and unusual street scene in Philadelphia is sketched by the Record. A tandem pair of cyclists with only one pair of arms and legs between them was the sight which greeted Broad street promenaders yesterday. The two men rode a fine tandem wheel of the latest model, and whizzed along Broad street as smoothly and gracefully as you please.

The man in front had but one hand to steer with, but that was a good right one, and his left leg seemed to bring plenty of power to bear upon the pedal. The other man's right arm and left leg were missing, but the remaining limbs supplied his needs. Although between them they only had the number of limbs which the average cyclist upon a single wheel requires to keep him going, they beat many sturdy rivals who tried to keep up with them.

The Shah's Cats.

Lovers of cats will be interested to know that the Shah of Persia surpasses all other royal devotees in enthusiasm for these particular animals. He has no fewer than 50 of them, and they have attendants of their own, with special rooms for meals. When the Shah goes away the cats go, too, carried by men on horseback. The Queen does not care for cats, and the visitors to Windsor Castle, Osborne or Balmoral see very few of them, except now and then in the private apartments of residents.

The Capitol of Texas.

The State Capitol of Texas is the largest State building in the United States, and the seventh in size among the buildings of the world. It was paid for with 3,000,000 acres of public land, deeded to the Chicago capitalists who executed the work.

Easily Told. "Here's a check indorsed J. R. Tompkins—who is Tompkins, a man or woman?" "A woman, of course." "Why of course." "It's indorsed at the wrong end."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A SENSATION.

That the world is coming to an end suddenly at a given time is not what is referred to. There are different kinds of sensations, as very many people know who feel sharp twinges of pain in the big nerve of the thigh. Sciatica is a very painful sensation, and the torment of it makes one think something is come to an end. But just at the first sensation or twinge is the best time to use St. Jacobs Oil. The less pain the more easily it is cured, and the oil prevents its development by soothing the nerve. At any stage it will cure.

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A St. Louis paper is marvelling over the case of a septuagenarian whose white hair turned black in a single night recently.

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Feeding Pen for Hogs.

Where hogs are fed near the house or barn, the fowls are apt to go among them and eat a large portion of the feed. An Indiana farmer has solved the problem by constructing a feeding pen so that the hogs and pigs could go in and out at pleasure, but fowls of all kinds were excluded. In the Orange Judd Farmer he tells how it is made. Build a feeding floor several inches above the surface of the ground and inclose with a tight board fence surmounted with pickets a foot or more long. Make one or more openings near the ground for the hogs and hang a door, a, from the top so that it will swing pretty freely either way. Leath-



FOWL-PROOF FEEDINGPEN.

er straps or hinges that work easily will answer. The hogs will soon learn to go back and forth, but fowls will not enter. If there are two sizes of hogs, make a partition and in it construct a small swinging door just large enough to admit the smaller pigs.

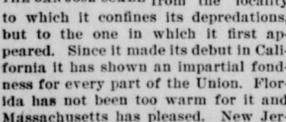
A Good Old Rotation.

The six-year rotation so long followed in this section, the Shenandoah Valley, has some strong points in its favor. The crops during the six years are in this order: Corn, followed by wheat, the ground being harrowed and the wheat drilled in. Immediately after the wheat is cut the next year, the ground is plowed thoroughly, prepared by harrow and roller, and sowed again to wheat, this time accompanied with about a bushel of timothy to six acres and the same quantity of clover in the early spring. Then three crops of hay are mowed, making the six years. Very often four crops of hay are made.

I have not counted the second crop of clover usually cut and hulled for seed the first season. Since Western seed generally can be bought at low prices, many think it better to pasture, or cut this second clover for cows. It will be noticed that this rotation, running six years, calls for plowing only twice during that time, and gives three crops of hay, which we think pays better than other crops. Farmers who follow this old-time way are not getting rich, but they are probably holding their own about as well as others who follow newer and shorter plans. Try all and hold fast to that which is good, is not a bad motto.—American Agriculturist.

New Destroyer of Fruit.

Re-enforcements to the seventeen-year locusts, the gypsy moth, the brown-tail moth and all the rest of the busy army of fruit destroyers are to be found in vast quantities in the "San Jose scales." The San Jose scale takes its name, not from the locality to which it confines its depredations, but to the one in which it first appeared. Since it made its debut in California it has shown an impartial fondness for every part of the Union. Florida has not been too warm for it and Massachusetts has pleased. New Jersey has not escaped and the Pacific coast as far as British Columbia has appealed to it. The scale, though appearing only recently, has evidently spent several decades in preparing to descend upon the world. It is a microscopic insect, which pierces the green bark of the tree with its proboscis and sucks the sap. It has, doubtless with an eye to this age of germicide solutions, rendered spraying an infested tree useless, because it has a scaly covering which remains on the bark of the tree or the skin of the fruit and which acts as an armor against such weapons as washes. Fruit infested by the scale is unmarketable.



THE SAN JOSE SCALE from the locality to which it confines its depredations, but to the one in which it first appeared.

Government Seed Shop. Last spring the Department of Agriculture distributed, at a cost of \$130,000, enough seeds of all kinds to plant an area of 355 square miles, or 227,200 acres. Now, if there were some way of finding out just how many acres were actually planted with these seeds, and how much the crop produced therefrom is worth in cash, we would probably have a better argument than we can produce now in favor of knocking the Government seed business on the head. Many a musty old humpbag has been suffered to exist simply because it was impossible to corral it with figures.

Fall Set Posts

It is not generally considered a good time to set posts in the fall. No matter how well the soil is compacted around them, rains will sink down in

the soil that has lately been disturbed. The winter frosts will also penetrate more deeply, and in a winter when there is much freezing and thawing will gradually lift the post up. If posts are set in fall for a fence the boards must be nailed on so as to keep the posts from being twisted, so that they must be reset before a fence can be made.

Milk as Food on the Farm.

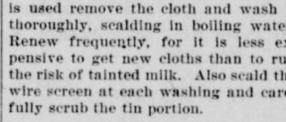
To every city resident one of the advantages of living in the country is that those living there can easily secure fresh and pure milk directly from the cow. It is a most valuable food product, whether used directly as milk or cooked in custards and cakes, in the various ways that milk and cream can be used. Probably most housewives who have lived in the country find when they remove to the city that the absence of the best milk and cream which they used to have in abundance was a stronger handicap to successful cooking than anything else. At the wholesale prices that are all that milk producers can get for milk it is a much cheaper food than any other that comes on their tables. If farmers ate more of their milk product they would be better off physically as well as financially. What they then sold would probably bring as much as does the larger portion that they sell now.

Turnips Among Corn.

There is no crop grown so easily and with so little cost as late-sown turnips in a field of well cultivated corn. The shade of the corn will keep the turnips from growing much until the corn is cut. Possibly also their growth will be checked by the demand of the corn roots for plant food. But in the Indian summer that follows the first frost the turnips will make rapid growth, as they will then have all the land for their own use. The turnip will endure a pretty heavy frost, and grow again if warm weather follows it. But in our climate turnips cannot be left in the ground all winter as they are in England.

A Milk Strainer.

One correspondent of the American Agriculturist seems to think that a wire screen in a milk strainer is not desirable, while another asserts that if rightly placed it will be found entirely satisfactory. In the illustration is shown a strainer, with a wire screen in the funnel at a, just as in an ordinary strainer. The bottom should be four inches in diameter. Place a piece of muslin over the neck at c and slip the collar b over it. A perfect strainer is formed. The cloth must be kept perfectly clean. Each time the strainer is used remove the cloth and wash it thoroughly, scalding in boiling water. Renew frequently, for it is less expensive to get new cloths than to run the risk of tainted milk. Also scald the wire screen at each washing and carefully scrub the tin portion.



Orchard and Garden.

Fruit trees or plants will not take care of themselves. Grapes thrive best in well-cultivated and well-drained land. Having the orchard trimmed up keeps the trees bearing well. Cherry trees must be grafted early if good results are expected. Choose young, thrifty trees, with good roots and straight, clean tops. Annual pruning largely avoids the necessity for removing large limbs. No fruit repays judicious pruning and trimming better than the pear. Make quality rather than quantity the principal aim. All trees that have roots or tops bruised or mangled should be discarded. In setting out a tree, save some of the top soil, especially to put around the roots. It is not a bad plan to plant trees along the roadside the whole length of the farm. Nectarines and apricots can be grown anywhere that the peach or prune will thrive well. Mulching prevents the early flow of sap by preventing the ground from warming up too soon.

Agricultural Notes.

Keep the wagon well greased. Grain feeding of cows in summer helps the fertility of the soil. Remember that you were once a boy yourself, unless you are a woman. Fresh top-dressing of pastures is an insult to stock if it is turned on them. A new variety not suitable to your soil and climate is worse than an old, inferior variety that is. "Mary had a little lamb," and her father sold it, but the money he got for it did not pay for the injustices he did the child. "Got cheated in a farm machine that I bought of a farmer's supply house," says a farmer. Buy of a reliable home dealer next time. Read our ads.