

The Way of the World.

I went from out my two-pair back,
The afternoon was mild—
A cab passed by, and on its track
A little dirty child.
Cabbies drives calmly through the slush,
With all unconscious mind,
The dirty child comes with a rush,
And clambers up behind.
His mates had look'd with careless eye
On his efforts vain,
But now he's landed high and dry,
They turn with envious pain.
The driver turns and pities the lark,
The child falls in the dirt,
And in a puddle rolls her splash—
I think he must be hurt!
He turns away—that ragged boy,
He's anything but gay;
His little friends they jump for joy,
And go on with their play!
I shook my head despondently—
"Ah, such a life, I guess!"
A man meets little sympathy
While struggling for success.
And when the back of Fortune's Car
He's clutch'd—'you'll always find
How ready all his best friends are
To follow, "Whip behind!"

Farmhouse Notes.

BREAD OMELETTE.

Break four eggs into a basin, and grate two tablespoons of white bread. Soak the bread in milk or cream; beat the eggs with a little pepper and salt; add the bread and beat constantly, while a frying-pan will be heated in getting ready. Pour in the omelette, and, when it is set, fold it over. Serve very hot and quick.

SCARLET POTATOES.

Pound two pickled red peppers in a mortar, and mix with them a tablespoonful of fresh, raw tomato pulp; mash four good sized steamed potatoes, add an ounce of fresh butter or olive oil, and the raw yolk of an egg, well beaten. Mix all well together, place it in buttered patty pans, and bake it until brown; turn out on a hot dish, and serve with sprigs of parsley for garnish.

How to Clarify Honey.

The *Druggists' Circular* gives the following mode: A good way to clarify honey is to add to two pounds of a mixture of equal parts of honey and water, one dram of carbonate of magnesia. After shaking occasionally during a couple of hours, the residue is allowed to settle, and the whole filtered, when a beautiful clear filtrate is obtained, which may be evaporated in a water bath to the proper consistency. The only drawback to this method is the length of time it takes to filter the solution; and this may be much abbreviated by taking the same amount of white clay instead of magnesia, when a really equal good article is obtained in much less time.

Pumpkin Pie.

Cut the Pumpkin into small pieces; take out the seeds and inside, but do not pare it. It must be well-grown and thoroughly ripened, and not watery. Put the pieces in a saucepan, with only a few spoonfuls of water—not more than four, cover close and let it cook gently, so as not to scorch, until the water has all evaporated, and the pumpkin has cooked quite dry, and a rich, dark orange color. While hot sift it through a coarse sieve. Season only as much as you are needing for the day. For one large pie—one egg, one tablespoonful of molasses, four tablespoonfuls of condensed milk, and enough of new milk to make it as thin as you wish, or if you have it half milk and half cream, instead of condensed milk; sugar and spice to suit the taste. Bake till a clear rich brown, do not blister or scorch.

To Keep Apples During Winter.

Apples at the present time are in excessive supply and unsalable at almost any price. At the same time the crop in Great Britain has been a failure, and a demand is arising there for foreign fruit which will doubtless soon affect our market. Beside the great waste now occurring in consequence of the heavy supply which induces those who are encumbered with them to dispose of them as rapidly as they may, will lead ere long to a scarcity, and high prices probably will be paid for good fruit in the spring. It would, therefore, be wise for those who now have plenty of apples to refrain from wasting or hastily getting rid of them. They are very easily preserved through the winter, as they are in a steady temperature, although it may be one or two degrees below the freezing point, they will not be injured by it. A very easy way to keep them is to pit them, by digging out the earth in a dry spot in the orchard to a depth of a foot, piling the apples in a conical heap therein, and covering them with a foot of dry long straw placed evenly so as to shed rain. The straw is to be tied in a sort of brush at the top, which will serve as a ventilator, and the heap should be covered with three inches of earth to within a foot of the top. It is not well to use more covering than this. Even early fall apples may thus be kept until spring if desired. Apples may also be kept in a dry, cool cellar, in bins or boxes, holding not more than 10 bushels each, with straw at the bottom and layers of dry straw in between, and a covering of a foot of straw placed on the top. They will be safe through the winter, unless the temperature falls below 20.

A Whole Family Bred Alive.

A family by the name of Hunt, consisting of the father, mother and 13 children, have been living on a claim some two miles from Marion Center, in Marion County, Neb. Their house was situated in a ravine, built of stone and roofed with dirt and soil, which was supported with timbers. A few nights ago, as some persons were returning home from a dance, they noticed that the roof had fallen in upon the family as they lay sleeping in their beds. The party went at once to relieve them, and upon taking the dirt away, found the mother and three children dead, and the father so fastened and held in his place that he was even powerless to help himself. The roof was very heavy, and came down in crushing force upon the inmates of the fatal house. For hours the father had lain pinned to his bed, and was compelled to hear the dying agonies of his wife and children; compelled to listen to their piteous cries for help. Out on the prairie, beyond human reach, immured in a living tomb, the hours slowly dragged along, and still no help. Still the appeal to "Father, help us," until all of human agony was endured, and then silence crept over the abode, which was but the stillness of death itself.

Female Smugglers.

The *Detroit Free Press* says: It is a fact probably better known to the Custom House officials than to outsiders, that at least every tenth woman who crosses the Detroit river carries smuggled goods. The goods may be tea, coffee, socks, thread, ribbons or something else of great value, but the intent to smuggle is there, and the success in bringing over a small lot is nearly always an indemnification for the smuggler to try the game on a larger scale. Men may do so smuggle clothing now and then, but it is the female sex which carries the burden of guilt. The Custom House officials at the ferry dock in this city are as vigilant as officers can be, but what chance have they against monster hoop skirts and gigantic bustles. They cannot stop to peep under shawls, examine pockets, look into baby carts, and hold a crowd on the boat, and so they must continue their work with the knowledge that goods are being smuggled, and that only one grand certain haul of their nets can trap the guilty and frighten the innocent so that they shall never dare to pursue the business.

Curb Your Temper.

Never get angry. It does no good; and those who indulge in it feel no better for it. It is really a torment; and when the storm of passion has passed away, it leaves one so weak that he has been extremely silly, and has made himself silly in the eyes of others too. Who thinks well of an ill-natured, choleric man, who has to be approached in the most guarded way? Will a bad temper draw customers, pay debts, and make credit for better nature? An angry man adds nothing to the welfare of society. Since, then, anger is useless, needless, disgraceful, without the least apology, and found only in the bosom of fools, why should it be indulged in at all?

Popular Superstition in Corfu.

On Easter day in Corfu, when the ringing of bells at noon respond to the voice of the bishop, "Our Lord is Risen," the windows are thrown up and a crash of old crockery resounds along the pavements of the narrow streets; old women shout "Avant fleas, bugs and all vermin! and make way for the lord of all to enter!" accompanying the invocation with a shower of broken pots and pans. On these occasions, woe to the luckless stranger who may be walking through the streets of Corfu in unhappy ignorance of this domestic institution, of which, perchance, a noiseless water jug flying in dangerous proximity to his own nose may suddenly enlighten him. Greek saints, which, in a measure, supply the places of the gods of a passed away mythology, are invoked for blessing and assistance in all the important affairs of maritime and agricultural life. The planting of the seed and the gathering of the fruits require each a benediction; a boat purchased by a Greek from a Turk must be formally purified; St. Eustace is respectfully requested to free a field or a vineyard from caterpillars; St. Peter gives particular attention to the fisherman's nets and lines; Elijah blesses salt; St. Procopius protects the thick skull of the stupid schoolboy.

After the slaughter of the lambs on Easter day, a lock of wool is dipped into the blood and a cross is inscribed with it on the lintel of the door. Within the memory of old slanders the *shola* a small copper coin, has been deposited in the coffin of the dead to pay Charon his fee across the Styx. In parts of the country evil spirits are supposed to be abroad at noon, during the month of August, and the peasants shut themselves up in their houses. A coffin nail, here, as in many other parts of the world, when driven into a house, affords perfect security from ghosts, and a triangular bit of paper on which is written the name of a disease effectually prevents the appearance of that malady in the neighborhood. Rags tied to a bit of stick receive the evil spirits exorcised by the "papa" or priest. To drop oil bodes no good, and to see a priest at sunrise is a very bad omen, and a convenient apology for the reverend sluggard. It is but fair to say that these and a hundred other superstitions are chiefly prevalent among the peasantry, and in the towns are confined to the lowest classes.

Anti-French Feeling in Italy.

The expulsion of Prince Napoleon and his wife from France has aroused a very strong feeling against the Government of M. Thiers in the Italian press, and even the ministerial paper, *Opinione*, severely censures the measure as a gratuitous offense to Italy. The *Gazzetta d'Italia* says M. Thiers' attempt to explain away "the insult offered to an Italian princess," by assuring M. Vimercati that he did not know the Princess Clotilde was in France with her husband, will receive nobody, and that all Italy will believe that "he wished to revenge himself on the daughter because he could not strike at the father." "The times are past," pursues the *Gazzetta*, "when insults and excuses could be sent to Italy in the same breath. This is not the way to maintain friendly relations between two hundred races, and M. Thiers may be sure that we in Italy are well aware how low the French nation must have sunk thus to use violence against a woman who commands respect by her virtues and her misfortunes." It is said that M. Thiers has sent further explanations of the matter by telegram to M. Visconti-Venosta, the Italian Foreign Minister, but whatever may be the disposition of the Government, there can be no doubt that the incident has produced a decided coldness toward France among Italian people. The Anti-French articles which were published in the Press immediately after the war, and which had almost entirely ceased during the late reaction in favor of France, are now again making their appearance, and all the old grievances against the French Government, such as the presence of the French man of war *Oreoque* at Civita Vecchia, the laying down of mines at the entrance of the Mont Cenis tunnel, and the officious intervention of M. Fournier in the question of the religious corporations, are brought up as so many evidences of the unkindness and insincerity of M. Thiers' policy.

Gentlemen's Clothing.

The novelty for business suits is their short, jaunty, double-breasted coat, generally called the pea-jacket. The suit is made of dark mixtures, with almost invisible plaids formed of threads of white. The entire suit, coat, vest, and trousers, is made from the same piece of cloth, and costs from \$75 to \$85. The overcoat for such suits is a long saque of rough cloth, such as Elystan and fur beavers.

Semi-dress suits for church, visiting, etc., are made of black or blue cloth with raised curled perpendicular lines, or indented checks, or the basket-weave goods, instead of diagonals so long worn. The whole suit made of this fabric costs \$85. The coat is the double-breasted Prince Albert, with longer skirts than those of last season; the vest is single-breasted, with notched collar, and buttoned high to wear with a scarf; both coat and vest are bound; the pantaloons are of medium width, shaped to the limbs. Sometimes the single-breasted cut-away, New-market coat is preferred for this suit. By way of variety, an extra pair of pantaloons is provided to wear with this coat and vest. These are made of thick rough-surfaced Scotch mixtures in shaded gray stripes, or else grayish-black grounds with white lines, or a faint suggestion of a warmer color. Price \$20. There is an effort to introduce for carriage wear the English driving coat of light drab or cream-colored beaver. It is long and double-breasted, with collar of the same, and two rows of buttons down the front. There is no change in full-dress suits. They remain of solemn black, with swallow-tailed coat, low-rolled collar, and pantaloons all made from the same roll of broadcloth. The English overcoat for opera and other full dress occasions is the double-breasted surcoat. Instead of this tight-fitting garment, the preference here is for a loose, easy sack overcoat of light gray or creamy brown cloth.

The British Navy.

In a letter recently published in the *London Times*, Mr. Reed, formerly Chief Constructor, asserts and laments the present comparatively weak condition of the British navy. Two years ago England's naval vessels were so strong and many that in respect of them she occupied not only the first place among European powers, but, relatively, a place superior to any which she had previously occupied. Now, however, in Mr. Reed's words, she has lost the lead in the race, is rapidly falling off and losing "the practicality of competing in the race." Russia and Prussia have outstripped her—she has not an iron-clad which will compare with the Peter the Great, and in case of war would be very badly off indeed.

Buying Horses.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee at New York the following resolution was passed relative to the buying of horses: *Resolved*, That during the prevalence of the epidemic among horses in this city and until the further order of this Board, the New York Rendering Company be authorized, under the direction of the police, to bury the remains of horses dying above One Hundredth street in vacant grounds above such street not contiguous to any inhabited dwelling. Such interments shall be in trenches, so that the whole body of the horse shall be at least four feet below the surface of the earth, and each body shall be first covered with at least one barrel of ground quick lime, and then with fresh earth to a depth of not less than four feet.

The Training of an Author.

The *Popular Science Monthly* informs us that a Mr. Tyndall, the ancestor of the distinguished Professor, who lived at the epoch of Columbus, was devoted to religious reform, and translated the Bible into English for the people. But he found worse navigation on the theological sea than Columbus encountered on the Atlantic, and was burned at the stake for his opinions in 1536. Professor Tyndall's father inherited from his ancestors a taste for religious controversy, and threw himself zealously as an anti-Romanist into the Protestant and Catholic warfare. Young Tyndall's early intellectual discipline consisted almost wholly of exercises in theological controversy, on the doctrines of infallibility, purgatory, transubstantiation, and invocation of the saints. The boy knew the Bible almost by heart, and with references to this knowledge, his father used to call him Stillingfleet. But he had also an early interest in natural things, and his father flattered this tendency by calling him Newton, and by teaching him lines concerning the great natural philosopher, before he was seven years old, that are still remembered. The father of Prof. Tyndall was not only intellectually gifted, but he was a man of courage, independence, mental delicacy, and scrupulous honor. By the silent influence of his character, by example as well as by precept, he inspired the intellect of his boy, and taught him to love a life of manly independence. He died in May, 1847, quoting to his son the words of Wolsey to Cromwell—"Be just and fear nothing."

Fertile.

Western Michigan is a fertile country, and lacks not for fruit. Statistics show the number of fruit trees now growing there to be as follows: peach trees, 900,000; pear trees, 140,000; plum trees, 30,000; cherry trees, 27,000; apple trees, 170,000; quince trees, 10,000. There are also 180,000 grape vines; about 630 acres of strawberries are under cultivation, 600 acres of blackberries, and 900 acres of raspberries.

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Training Beasts.

Many years ago Zebulon Stanhope, a farmer residing near New London, Conn., trained a couple of bears to plow and do other labors of the field and road. On one occasion he started to town with a sleigh load of wheat, but some of the harness breaking, the farmer set about repairing the damage, when one of the bears seized him by the leg and sorely wounded it. The bears then simultaneously ran off, leaving the farmer to reach his house alone, which he did with difficulty after four hours' labor. Two or three days were spent in useless search, and bears and sled were given up as lost; when, upon the third day at noon, a noise was heard in the road, and to the astonishment of the Stanhopes, they beheld the two bears dragging the sled into the barn, and instead of the wheat, four large bears and three cubs. The door was suddenly closed, and the strangers were shot with a long gun thrust through the crevices of the building.

The Power of Will.

Rev. George H. Hepworth says: "Young men, an earnest will can accomplish anything that is good and anything that is bad. It is the master element in man's nature; it is very like omnipotence. It can fix your purpose and keep it fixed until the end is reached no matter how difficult the path may be. He who has a strong will has half won the victory. He who has a strong will, and a consecrated one, already feels the laurel on his brow."

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