

Humorous Department.

THE "RAILROAD HOG."—A "railroad hog," the other day, piled the space next to him in a car seat with his bundles, and when a gentleman asked him if anyone was to occupy it, replied that the bundles belonged to a man who was temporarily in the smoking-car.

"All right," said the gentleman, "I will sit in the seat till he comes," and he proceeded to remove the bundles.

Pretty soon the owner of the bundles arrived at his destination, and he started to gather up his effects. But the gentleman at once put a veto on this, with the remark:

"You can't take these bundles; you yourself said they belonged to a man in the smoker."

The fellow got mad and abusive; but the gentleman was inexorable. Finally the conductor was called in, who delivered his dictum as follows:

"If the bundles are not claimed by any one on the train, then, by coming around to the depot tomorrow and identifying them satisfactorily, we will give them to you."

The man's face was red with rage; but he could do nothing. So, amid the laughter of the passengers he rushed out of the car just as the train was pulling out. And he meekly came around to the depot for his bundles the next day.

SHE HAD HER REVENGE.—A newly married couple on the train the other day attracted a good deal of attention by their peculiar behavior. A lady got on the train at a station and took a seat in front of them. Scarcely was she seated before they commenced making remarks in loud whispers about her wearing last season's hat and dress. She was severely criticised by them for some moments. Presently the lady turned around. She noticed at a glance that the bride was older than the groom, and without the least resentment in her countenance, she said:

"Madam, will you please have your son close the window behind you?"

The son closed his mouth instead, and the madam did not giggle again until the brakeman hollered out "Lula!"

GIVING HIM A POINT.—The dude drummer from New York was making his first trip West, and down in Missouri he began to get quite flip. He had a fair chance on a train to take the seat next a bright-faced Missouri girl, and, of course, he took it, and it wasn't long before he was doing his best to be entertaining to the young woman. She couldn't help herself very well, and took it good-naturedly.

"Did you know," he said, after some time, "that this is my first trip, and I am fresh from the East?"

"Well, no," she replied, so the people around could hear. "I didn't know it—that is to say, didn't know you were from the East, and if you really are from the East, it is about time you should rise."

A WONDERFUL COW.—The cow has four stomachs, and so can do wonders in the eating line. A farmer living up near Toronto fed his cow the other day by mistake a mash of sawdust instead of bran. The animal meekly ate it, supposing it to be merely a freak of economy. Next morning when the farmer went to milk the cow, he was surprised to see her calmly let down half a gallon of turpentine, a quart of shoe pegs, three baseball bats, and a bundle of laths. At least this is the version of the usually reliable Bossie-vain Globe.

Once, on Easter Sunday, at a certain church, the clergyman announced that the offertory would be applied to reducing the debt on the church. During the singing, while the collection was being taken up, the tenor, who was a German, had a solo, in which occurred the words, "And the dead shall be raised." He succeeded in electrifying the congregation by giving out at the top of his voice, "And ze debt shall be raised in ze twinkling ov an eye."

In a certain village near Cork, a few years ago, two Irishmen were repairing the roof of a cottage, and one of them, who was on the roof, wanted some bricks. There being no ladder, he shouted to his mate, "Pat, shure an' will yer catch me if I jump?" On receiving the answer "that he would," he jumped, and Pat missed him. On asking why he did not catch him, he said, "Bedad, I was waiting till yer bounced."

"It's all blamed nonsense!" said Constable Hayercraft, at the town meeting, bringing his fist down on the desk with great violence. "It's all blamed nonsense talkin' about children needin' a 'higher education' than what they did when I was a boy. A one-story buildin' was good enough fur me, an' that's the kind of a school buildin' we'll put up in this deestric if it depends on my vote, he gosh!"

Floorwalker (to salesman at hosiery counter)—You didn't sell that lady? Salesman—No. I showed her some stockings that I told her would fit her like a glove. She asked if they were all wool, and I said, "Yes, all wool and a yard wide," and she flounced off as though something had displeased her. For the life of me I can't guess what it was.

A bashful young man of Tiffin, while attending a revival meeting, was approached by an earnest young woman, who said to him, "My dear friend, it would do my heart good to lead you to the altar." The young fellow, hesitating, replied that he appreciated the honor, but as he was already engaged to two girls, he could not accommodate her.

Wayside Gatherings.

Our hardest battles are those we fight with ourselves.

The astronomical summer begins at noon on June 21st.

Woman of every rank go bare-headed in Mexico.

The more insignificant the man, the louder he boasts of his ancestry.

Where one person desires to be heard 10 are satisfied with being seen.

The moment the devil ceases to make sin attractive, his occupation is gone.

In Australia no newspapers are published or railroad trains run on Sunday.

He is unreasonable who quarrels with events which happen from natural necessity.

Of all mean words that from mean lips do flow, the very meanest are, "I told you so."

No part of the government is a matter of so much interest to the public as the national debt.

At the present rate of increase, the population of the earth will double itself in 260 years.

If we would be more careful where we step, those who follow us wouldn't stumble so much.

Among modern nations the greatest eaters are the English, the Germans, the French, and the Americans.

The cultivation of the grape in France gives employment to no fewer than 23,000,000 persons.

It is better to lock the stable after the horse is stolen than not to lock it at all. It may save the cow.

The mines of the world produce 25 tons of gold every week, but the precious metal remains as rare as ever.

A blacksmith's tools of the present day are almost identical with those used in the same trade over 300 years ago.

In Sweden and Norway it is a crime to make any profit on the sale of liquor; it must be dispensed at cost.

The warmest June in the past 20 years was in 1892, with an average temperature of 70°; the coldest in 1881, with an average of 61°.

Sheridan, once entering a committee room and finding every seat occupied, said, "Will anyone move that I may take the chair?"

A writer in a German electrical publication uses the word *Strassenbahwagenuntergestelle*, which in plain English means trucks.

It is stated that a pail of water containing a hatful of hay, if placed in a room where there has been smoking, will absorb all the order of tobacco.

A cotemporary contains an advertisement of a dog for sale. Among the good points of the animal are these: "He will eat anything, and is fond of children."

The man must have spoken from experience who said, "An editor is a man who has the industry of a beaver, the instincts of a bee and the patience of an ass."

The Red Sea is for the most part blue. It gets its name from the fact that portions of it are covered by minute animalcules, which dye the surface of the water red where they float.

In ancient times churches were without seats. The worshippers had to stand or kneel. Some of the aristocrats brought pieces of cloth with them, to keep their knees from contract with the stone floors.

Lemon juice will whiten frosting for cake, the grated rind of an orange strained through a cloth will give it a yellow tint, and strawberry or strawberry juice will produce a pretty shade of pink.

Old Gentleman—Do you think, sir, that you are able to support my daughter without continually hovering on the verge of bankruptcy? "Oh, yes, sir, I am sure I can." "Well, that is more than I can do. Take her and be happy."

As soon as the hand-organ grinder started a tune the other day in Huntington, Penn., a swarm of 500 bees made a beeline for his organ and lit on it. The music appeared to have made them good-natured; for they stung no one while they were being put back into their hive.

"Well, husband," said the good wife, who had strained the exchequer in a vigorous social campaign, "we must decide at once whether we are able to give the young people a grand wedding breakfast, or whether we shall oppose the match and make them run away."

A man of Aberdeen, Scotland, was talking through the telephone with a friend at a distant town. The former said, "Hold on! I can't hear you, for a brass band is passing the telephone station." The other man, at a distance of 150 miles, not only heard the band, but could distinguish the tune.

A washerwoman applied for help to a gentleman, who gave her a note to the manager of a certain club. It read as follows: "Dear Mr. X.: This woman wants washing." Very shortly the answer came back: "Dear Sir: I daresay she does, but I don't fancy the job."

The little island of Jersey is but 11 miles long by 5 wide, yet it probably contains more cows than any other part of the earth of equal size. Their value is considerable, too. All importation is forbidden by law, and all these years, the dairymen have been breeding with but the one object in view.

A Maine man thinks he may have made an important medical discovery. He got a needle in his foot, the other day, and being unable to extract it any other way, he went to the electric light station and placed his foot on or near a dynamo, when out came the needle.

Farm and Fireside.

CRIMSON CLOVER.

I wish to call the attention of the farmers of Guilford county to this new green food called crimson clover, German clover or strawberry clover. It has been known in North Carolina for years, and it was occupying so much space in the agricultural journals I concluded to try it on my farm at the battle ground, I hereby give my experience with it:

1. I sowed one acre on thin land without any fertilizer.

2. One acre with 200 pounds of acid phosphate.

3. One-half acre with a bag of bone meal and a good sprinkling of barnyard manure.

4. One lot 100x130 feet upon which I put 20 carryall loads of barnyard manure.

I sowed it all in August by itself, using about as much of the seed as I do of common red clover. The winter was unusually severe, the thermometer going below zero several times. All the clover stood the winter well.

No. 1, on thin land, did no good—was only 6 or 8 inches high. I will let it go to seed and turn it under in June, and in August I will turn it up again and thus reseed it and apply two sacks of guano and next year I will have a good crop. The stubble of clover is a better fertilizer than peas. No. 2 is now one foot high on an average and is in full bloom (May 12th.) and every bloom looks like a strawberry; there are myriads of them and it looks like a flower garden. No. 3 is 16 to 18 inches high—most luxuriant, and its yield will be twice that of red clover. No. 4, manured from the barnyard, is simply wonderful. I began to use it the 15th day of April, before rye was ready for use, and have fed two cows, one horse and four hogs all they could eat of it. I never saw such a yield of vegetation before.

On a small plot about the size of No. 4 in town I have harvested nine carryall loads of hay. This clover is annual never produces but the one crop, and then the stubble must be turned under to enrich the land. It comes a month before red clover and sooner than rye, and one crop on rich land is as much as two of red clover. All farmers know how hard it is to get early green food for the horses and cows. Here is the very thing you want. Buy it once and you will use always. It never slobbers horses and everything eats it with avidity. It is the crop all farmers need and I hope next year to see beautiful fields of it in every direction. It is the most beautiful crop in the world.

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A WORD FOR APPLES.

Dr. G. R. Searles, of Brooklyn, N. Y., thus discourses on the apple as medicine: "The apple is such a common fruit that very few persons are familiar with its remarkable efficacious medical properties. Everybody ought to know that the very best thing they can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night. Persons uninitiated in the mysteries of the fruit are liable to throw up their hands in horror at the visions of dyspepsia which such a suggestion may summon up, but no harm can come to even a delicate system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples just before going to bed. The apple is an excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid, in easily digestible shape than any other vegetable known. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. That is not all. The apple agglutinates the surplus acids of the stomach, helps the kidney secretion and prevents calculus growths, it obviates indigestion and is one of the best preventatives known of diseases of the throat. Everybody should be familiar with such knowledge, and I hope you will disseminate it. In addition, next to the orange and the lemon, it is the best antidote for the thirst and craving of the person addicted to the alcohol or the opium habit."

PREVENTING ROUP.—If the poultry house and yards are given thorough saturation with some cheap disinfectant about once a month, it will be a saving of labor in attempting to cure sick hens, and some disinfectants so cheap there is nothing to prevent their use. One pound of copperas and one pound of blue vitriol, dissolved in 10 gallons of hot water and 10 gallons of hot freshly made white wash added to the first solution, will give 20 gallons of a mixture that may be applied with a watering can or a sprayer, and if used in the poultry house on clear dry days, will greatly aid in destroying the germs of disease. If the weather is cold and freezing, and the mixture is applied, shut the doors and windows for a few hours, and place a small oil stove on the floor, allowing a good flame, putting the hens in another place. Two hours before roosting time remove the stove and open the windows, first sprinkling the floor with air-slacked lime.—The Poultry Keeper.

For a flabby skin the following treatment is recommended: Never use hard water upon it; either preserve rainwater for the purpose, or, if that is impossible, buy distilled water of a reliable druggist. Eat bread that is one day old and choose that which is made from whole meal. A little gluten made into a mash and eaten with rich milk is also said to help in rounding out the face and neck.

There is no use walking the floor with a felon. Wrap a cloth loosely around the felon leaving the end open. Pour gunpowder in the end and shake it down until the end is covered, then keep it wet with camphor. In two hours the pain will be relieved and a perfect cure will follow quickly, asserts the Memphis Simitar.

Miscellaneous Reading.

ANOTHER FORTY ADDRESS.

The working committee of the Forty met in Columbia last Thursday night and issued the following:

To the White Voters of South Carolina:

The working committee constituted by the authority of the conference of Reformers and Conservatives, which met in Columbia on the 28th of March last, commonly known as the committee of the Forty, in view of the grave conditions still confronting the people of this State, deem it proper and expedient to make some recommendations in furtherance of the well known objects and purposes of its organization. We desire to call attention again to the cardinal principles set forth in the platform adopted by that convention namely, the maintenance of white supremacy "by fair and constitutional methods," and to earnestly urge upon every patriotic son of South Carolina, without regard to political faction, the importance in this crisis of contributing everything in his power to the attainment of that end. To those who have labored for a re-united Democracy and for the restoration of peace and unity among the white people of the State, it is a source of gratification that a number of counties have already taken such action in regard to the election of delegates to the constitutional convention as will obviate all friction among the people of our race and will insure the selection of men whose undoubted qualifications and lofty patriotism eminently fit them for the important duties they will be called upon to discharge.

We cannot appeal too strongly to those counties which have not yet acted in this matter to take immediately some steps that will place them in line with this movement, and will render it general throughout the State.

The practical method of solving the problem is after all one that every county must settle for itself. The time for action is very short. The crisis that confronts us, it goes without saying, is imminent. We believe the white people of South Carolina fully realize this, it is for them to act and act now.

THOS. J. KIRKLAND, Chairman.

FRANCIS H. WESTON, Secretary.

A PAINTER'S INGENUITY.

Gustave Wiertz, a painter of Brussels, was such an eccentric genius that he was often called the "insane artist." But there was always a method in his madness which showed plenty of sense. The following anecdote is told of him: Having finished the portrait of the aristocratic Countess de M—, who pretended to be only 30 when nearly 60 years of age, she refused to accept the painting, saying that it did not look anything like her; that her most intimate friends would not recognize a single feature of hers on that piece of canvas. Wiertz smiled kindly at the remark, and, as a true knight of old gallantry reconducted the lady to her carriage. The next morning there was a grand disturbance in the Rue de la Madeline. A crowd was gathered before a window, and the following words were whispered from ear to ear: "Is the wealthy Countess de M— really in jail for debt?"

Wiertz had exercised a little vengeance toward his noble but unfair customer. As soon as she had refused the portrait, he had set to work and painted a few iron bars on the picture, with these words: "In jail for debt." He exhibited the painting in a jeweler's shop window in the principal street of Brussels. The effect was instantaneous. A few hours later the countess was back at Wiertz's studio, pouring invectives upon him.

"Most noble lady," was the artist's reply, "you said the painting did not look anything like yourself, and that your most intimate friends would not have recognized a single one of your features in the picture. I wanted simply to test the truth of your statement, that is all."

The portrait was taken away, the city laughed, the artist charged double price, and gave the amount to the poor of the city.

A CURE FOR TIPLING.—A man prominent in the affairs of Dunkirk yesterday related the following incident:

"One day, two months after I had signed the pledge, I had a craving for a drink of whisky so strong that I could see nothing else but drinks around me, and felt as if I must have at least one drink. I told a friend of my state of mind. He said: 'You need not drink; I can tell you of a substitute that will stop your discomfort. Get a bowl of ice water and a raw potato, peel it and cut down one end to a size convenient to take in the mouth. Dip the potato in the water and suck it every time you think you must have the whisky.' I did as he advised. I took the bowl of ice water and the potato and placed them on a table at the head of my bed and would dip the potato in the water and place it to my lips every few minutes until I went to sleep. I awoke free from any desire to drink whisky, and have been free from it ever since. That one treatment eradicated my craving for whisky for all the time that has since elapsed."—Buffalo Courier.

SLEEPY GRASS.—In some parts of New Mexico there grows a grass which produces a somniferous effect upon the animals that graze upon it. Horses, after eating this grass, in nearly all cases sleep standing, while cows and sheep almost invariably lie down. It has occasionally happened that travelers have stopped to allow horses to feed in places where the grass grew pretty thickly, and the animals have had time to eat a considerable quantity before its effects manifested themselves. In such cases horses have gone to sleep on the road, and it is hard to arouse them.

The effect of the grass passes off in

an hour or two, and no bad results have ever been noticed on account of it. Cattle on the ranches frequently come upon patches of this grass where they feed for perhaps half an hour, and then fall asleep for an hour or more, when they wake up and start feeding again.

The programme is repeated perhaps a dozen times, until thirst obliges them to go to water. Whether, like the poppy, the grass contains opium, or whether its sleep producing property is due to some other substance has not been determined.—Pearson's Weekly.

Mr. Frederick V. Colvill, botanist United States department of agriculture, says: "The so-called sleepy grass mentioned in a recent article in Pearson's Weekly is known technically as *stipa viridula robusta* and is known from reliable sources to have a narcotic effect on horses and other stock."



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GOING NORTH.	No. 33.	No. 35.
	Daily	Monday
	Except	Wednesday
	Sunday.	Friday.

Leave Camden.....	1 00 pm	7 15 am
Leave Kershaw.....	2 00 pm	8 40 am
Leave Lancaster.....	2 40 pm	9 50 am
Leave Hickory Grove.....	3 20 pm	11 32 am
Leave Leslies.....	3 24 pm	11 52 am
Leave Rock Hill.....	3 41 pm	1 40 pm
Leave Newport.....	3 50 pm	2 10 pm
Leave Catawba Junction.....	4 00 pm	2 40 pm
Leave Yorkville.....	4 20 pm	3 05 pm
Leave Sharon.....	4 35 pm	3 30 pm
Leave Hickory Grove.....	4 50 pm	3 55 pm
Leave Snyrna.....	5 00 pm	4 12 pm
Arrive at Blacksburg.....	5 25 pm	4 40 pm

No. 11.	
Leave Blacksburg.....	8 45 am
Leave Earls.....	9 05 am
Leave Patterson Springs.....	9 15 am
Leave Shelby.....	9 40 am
Leave Mooresboro.....	10 25 am
Leave Henrietta.....	10 45 am
Leave Forest City.....	11 15 am
Leave Rutherford Springs.....	11 40 am
Arrive at Marion.....	1 15 pm

* Dinner.

GOING SOUTH.	No. 32.	No. 34.
	Daily	Tuesday
	Except	Thursday
	Sunday.	Saturday.

Leave Blacksburg.....	7 45 am	8 00 am
Leave Snyrna.....	8 10 am	8 30 am
Leave Hickory Grove.....	8 25 pm	8 45 pm
Leave Sharon.....	8 38 am	9 18 am
Leave Yorkville.....	8 58 am	10 05 am
Leave Trazah.....	9 13 am	10 30 am
Leave Newport.....	9 20 am	10 45 am
Leave Rock Hill.....	9 45 am	12 40 pm
Leave Leslies.....	9 55 am	1 00 pm
Leave Catawba Junction.....	10 10 am	2 10 pm
Leave Lancaster.....	10 20 am	2 30 pm