

Interesting Items.

A FEW MIXTS

Water can be kept cool for drinking in warm weather by the following method:—Get fresh water, let it be kept in an unglazed earthenware pitcher wrapped around with two or three folds of coarse cotton cloth kept constantly wet.

A French chemist asserts that if tea be ground like coffee before hot water is poured upon it, it will yield nearly double the amount of its exhilarating qualities.

Wire clothes lines are getting to be used by all persons who have found out how much superior they are to the common rope.

Borax is said to be superior to everything else for exterminating the cockroach. The smell or touch of borax is said to be certain death to them.

To color a floor—to a strong lye of wood ashes, add enough coppers for the required oak shade. Put this on with a mop, and varnish afterwards.

The French have discovered that the white of an egg given in sweetened water is a sure cure for the croup. The remedy is to be repeated till a cure is effected.

Grease can be removed as follows: Put on powder of French chalk, and place a piece of blotting paper over it; then pass a hot iron over the blotting paper. The heat liquefies the grease, the chalk absorbs it, and the excess of grease is absorbed by the blotting paper.

ANIMALS FEIGNING DEATH.

The character for subtlety which the fox had from the earliest ages, is the main reason why his assumed or presumed inanimation when in danger, has been ascribed to intention; for otherwise, some of the instances we have given, on this supposition, would not appear to be exceedingly well devised.

Egbert, the seventeenth king of the West Saxons was the first sole monarch of the English. He laid the foundation of the monarchy in 823, and was solemnly crowned at Winchester, from which city he published an edict, ordering all of the southern portion of Britain to be called England.

The sycamore has been called the Egyptian fig-tree. The date of its being planted in England is not known, but it was very early introduced by Mary Queen of Scots brought over from France a young sycamore, which she planted in the gardens of Holywell and from this have sprung all the beautiful groves of sycamores now to be seen in Scotland.

CURE FOR CORNS.—Take a little sweet oil, on getting up in the morning and before retiring at night, and rub it on the corn with the finger, keeping the corn well pared down. This relieves the friction, which causes corns, and will cure them in a short time.

The musical instrument called the Guitarr is of very great antiquity. The terms Guitarr and Guitern, used by the old English poets, signify the same instrument. The modern guitar has six strings, three being of silk covered with silvered wire, and three of catgut.

Fun and Fancy.

"Sally," said a lover to his intended, "give us a kiss, will you?" "No, I shan't," said Sally, "help yourself."

Reynolds, the dramatist, observing the thinness of the house at one of his pieces, said, "I suppose it is owing to the war." "No," was the reply; "it's owing to the piece."

A bankrupt merchant says that his business has been so bad that he could not pay his debts, even if he had the money.

"Ah!" said a pious Sunday school teacher, "ah, Caroline Jones, what do you think you would have been without your good father and mother?" "I suppose mum," said Caroline, "I suppose, as I should have been a horse."

Diggs saw a note lying on the ground, but knew that it was a counterfeit, and walked on without picking it up.

John asked Julia if she would have him. "No," said she, "I will not have you;" but before John could recover from the shock, she archly put in, "you may have me."

The editor of an Indiana paper says, "more villainy is on foot." The man must have sold his horse and carriage.

"Well, Robert, how much did your pig weigh?" "It didn't weigh so much as I expected; and I always thought it wouldn't."

"Don't stand there loafing," said a Professor at Union College to three students.

"Were not loafing said one of them, there are only three of us, and it takes heaven to make a loaf."

A young man, becoming engaged recently, was desirous of presenting his intended with a ring, appropriately inscribed; but being at a loss what to have engraved on it, called upon his father for advice.

"Well," said the old man, "put on, when this you see remember me." The young lady was much surprised, a few days after receiving a beautiful ring, with this inscription: "When this you see, remember father."

"Jenny," said a Scotch minister stooping from his pulpit, "have ye got a peen about ye?"

"Yes, minister."

"Then stick it into that sleeping brute o' a man o' yours by your side."

"I feel," said an old lady, "that I've got about through with this world. I shan't enjoy much more trouble."

A Yankee doctor has contrived to extract from sausages a powerful tonic, which, he says, contains the whole strength of the bark. He calls it "salphate of canine."

A robber was seized for stealing snuff out of a tobacconist's shop, by way of excusing himself, exclaimed that he was not aware of any law that forbade a man to take snuff!

"The politicians have thrown me overboard," said a disappointed politician, "but I have strength enough to swim to the other side."

I say, my little son, where does the right hand road go?" "Don't know sir; 'tain't been nowhere since we lived here."

A chaplain at a state prison was asked by a friend how his parishioners were. "All under conviction," was the reply.

A Western editor published a long leader on "Hogs." A rival paper in the same village upbraided him for obtruding his family matters upon the public.

An Irish fair one wrote to her lover, begging him to send her some money. She added by way of postscript "I am so ashamed of the request I have made in this letter, that I sent after the postman to get it back, but the servant could not overtake him."

A man was called upon to appear as a witness, and could not be found. On the Sheriff asking where he was, a grave, elderly gentleman rose up, and with much emphasis said:

"My lord, he's gone."

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