

THE HERALD.



AGRICULTURAL.

ADDRESS Before the New Liberty Grange, Ohio County, Ky.

BY THE MASTER.

The question is sometimes asked, "Is the Grange a moralizing institution?" and in response to a request from our Worthy Lecturer I propose answering this question briefly.

There are many other organizations in the world which have for their object the amelioration of the sufferings of the human race, and the bettering of the condition of man, which have been instrumental in doing much good; and the Order of Patrons of Husbandry do not entertain any jealousy or hatred or bitterness of feeling toward any of the orders and associations, but the true spirit of our order is to work hand in hand with them for the general good of our race.

I would remark that every lesson taught by the Grange manual is strictly moral, and points us to an Overruling Providence. We are taught that we are dependent upon the Great Master of the Universe for every good and perfect gift. We are taught to study and obey the laws of nature in the cultivation of the soil, and then trust to God for the increase.

and immorality abound. There will seem to be no ambition or aspiration for cultivated society, and the rude vulgar actions of semi-civilization, such as hunting and fishing and strolling on the sabbath day, and many other such practices, will be the order of the day.

I take the position further, that the Grange is directly a moralizing institution, from the fact its principles are strictly moral, and teach strictly moral lessons.

The principles of charity is one of the leading features of the Order, and that alone should recommend it to the favorable consideration of the world. It is enjoined upon the members to visit and nurse the sick, minister unto the wants of the distressed and needy, and lend a helping hand to those who are in want, thus calling forth the highest, noblest feeling of human nature.

Men are generally inclined to be selfish, and in this age, when money getting seems to be the predominant passion, this selfishness leads to avarice and covetousness, and in the grand rush for wealth, and fame, and glory, the moral obligations of man to man are forgotten, and the golden rule given by inspiration is little heeded.

I am inclined to think that the farmer's movement will be a powerful check to this fast growing passion, and serve as a protection to the farmers against organized efforts on the part of rings and monopolies to extortion from them their just earnings.

Bound by the mystic tie in one brotherhood, obligated to cherish the principles of charity and love, with interest identical and inseparable, the farmers of this grand country can, and certainly will restrain the selfish passions of each other, cultivate a spirit of brotherly kindness, promote the morals of our country, and in so doing elevate the standard of society.

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The great principle of making farmers' homes pleasant and happy and attractive is made prominent in the Grange, not only by cultivating the moral and mental faculties, but by neatness, and tidiness, and rural adornments, such as beautiful and make pleasant the country home.

Country homes are the pleasantest, and should be the happiest homes in the world. Unlike the home in crowded cities, which are enveloped in dust and smoke and impure air, almost obscuring at times the light of the "King of day," with the almost deafening roar of rushing wheels and machinery, and the monotonous din of the thronging thousand, always on the air; the country home is blessed with the pure air and pleasant sunshine, and the delicate ear is saluted by the rich melodies of the forest warblers, and the voices of domestic fowls and animals which are under the care and protection of the farmer.

Let these homes be made more attractive, not by costly and extravagant appurtenances, but by the rural adornments fashioned by the ingenious hand of the mother and sister, whose kind words and pleasant smiles will also do much toward removing the burdens, and lightening the toils and labors of the husband and brother, and the farmer's son will not seek pleasure away from home, in the haunts of wickedness and sin, nor will they be so anxious to rush off to the crowded cities, where they are surrounded on every hand by temptations and snares,

but home will be a pleasure to them, and they be saved from vice, degradation and ruin.

I have now answered the question propounded by the worthy Lecturer, in a brief and somewhat desultory manner, and I maintain that the Grange is directly and indirectly a moralizing institution, and that the prejudice and bitterness entertained by some toward the Grange, is but for the want of a proper knowledge of its workings and its true principles. Allow me now to urge upon the members the importance of faithfulness to the principles and to the obligations taken as Patrons of Husbandry. Whatever is worth doing, is worth doing right. Let not carelessness and neglect cause us to fail in our duty to the Order, to our brethren, or to our race. Let not envy, or jealousy, or strife mar the peace of our organization, but let charity, kindness and forbearance characterize all our acts towards and with one-another.

MEASURE 209 feet on each side, and you will have a square acre within an inch. An acre contains 4,840 square yards. A square mile contains 640 acres.

The best way to catch hawks or owls is to set up a high pole with a steel trap on the top. The birds often alight directly in the trap.

There is said to be no cure for contracted hoof resulting from laminitis or fever of the feet, otherwise known as "founder." The change is in the structure of the hoof and therefore beyond remedy.

A good patron must be a man of thought and reflection; for without these he can never know how to direct his industry, or understand in what economy exists; and without well directed industry and a wise and prudent economy, no patron can prosper.

Windgalls in horses are the result of inflammation of the sheaths of the tendons, by which is caused an excessive secretion of the synovial fluid. The inflammation is generally caused by over exertion, sprains, or strains in driving or drawing. They may be temporarily removed by pressure and cold bandages, or by careful blistering; but as they return on the first occasion of extra exertion the treatment is scarcely worth while.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

TO MAKE HARD SOAP.—The following is a receipt for making hard soap, which is said to be excellent and economical. Nearly every family accumulates through the winter drippings from beef and mutton. These can be utilized, for the grease by boiling in water, allowing it to cool, then removing from the water and boiling until all the water is expelled. Of course the whiter the grease the nicer the soap. Take six pounds of sal soda, six pounds of grease, three and one-half pounds new stone lime, four gallons soft water, one-half pound of borax. Put soda, lime and water into an iron boiler; boil until all is dissolved. When well settled, pour of the clear ley, wash out the kettle, and put in the clear ley, grease and borax; boil until it comes to soap, pour into a tub to cool, and when sufficiently hard, cut into bars and put on boards to dry.

CARPETS may be restored by using a tablespoonful of ammonia in one gallon of warm water to their original color.

WARTS.—By rubbing them, night and morning, with a piece of muric acid of ammonia is said to cause their disappearance without pain or scar.

CROUP can be cured in one minute, and the remedy is simply alum and sugar. The way to accomplish the deed is to take a knife or grater and shave off, in small particles, about a teaspoonful of alum; then mix with about twice its quantity of sugar to make it palatable, and administer as quickly as possible. Almost instantaneous relief will follow.

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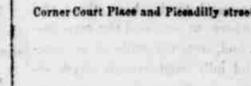
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