

VARIETIES.

A poet in the Nebraska City News concludes a long poem with the following lines. They contain more truth than poetry:

Well, such is life! Whom the Gods love Die young. Whom they hate, live and prosper And are elected Delegates in Congress From the several Territories.

RECIPTS THAT NEVER FAIL.—To destroy rats—catch them one by one and flatten out their heads with a lemon-squeezer.

To kill cockroaches—get a pair of heavy boots, then catch your roaches, put them in a barrel, then get in yourself and dance.

To kill bedbugs—chain their hind legs to a tree, then go round in front and make mouths at them.

To catch mice—on going to bed put crumbs of cheese in your mouth, and lie with it open, and when a mouse's whiskers tickle you—bite.

To prevent dogs from going mad—cut their tails off just behind their ears.

A "gomman ob color," belonging to Toham, recently made a pilgrimage to Lead Bluff for the purpose of procuring an ebony helpmate, either as a partner in the laundry business or for life, he wasn't particular which. Arriving at his destination he made known to the putting Ethiopie the object of his visit, and asked her consent to the proposition. After turning the proposition over in her mind for a few moments, she came out with "S—, how much capital has you?"

"Well, Phebe, to tell you the troof, I's only got four dollars wid me, jes now."

"Won't do S—, won't do! Sam Johnsing got six dollars an' a cookin' stove. I guess I gwine to hab him."

C. O. D.—The Green Bay Advocate thus explains in answer to a correspondent, the meaning of these cabalistic characters:

"They are not the advertisement of a patent medicine, or anybody's bitters. They are simply the result of an idle habit down East requiring 'us Western people to pay for such little goods as we may compliment them by ordering. The letters simply mean 'Chell Out Darnquick.' It is mortifying that so large a concern as the Express Company, should spell so badly, and use such profanity; but, as we are not responsible for public education and morals, we can do no more than allude to it.

Sayings and Doings of Josh Billings.

It is highly important that when a man makes up his mind to become a rascal, that he would examine himself closely, and see if he ain't better constituted for a fool.

I argy in this way, if a man is right, he can't be too radical, if he is rong he can't be too consarvativ.

When you pra, pra right at the bull's eye.

'Tell the truth and shame the devil. I kno lots of people who can shame the devil easy enuff, but the tother thing bothers them.

It is a very delicate job tew forgive a man without lowering him in his own estimashun, and yures too.

As a general thing, when a woman wares the britches, she has a good rite tew them.

It is admitted now by everybody, that the man who can git fat on berlony sassage, has got a good deal of dorg in him.

Woman's infloenze is powerful—especila when she wants anything.

Sticking up your nose don't prove enything, for a soap biler, when he is a wa from hiz hum, smells enything.

No man luvz tew get beat, but it iz better to be bored with an inch orger than a gimblet.

It is sed "that a hoss don't know his strength"—and I don't suppose a skunk does nutler.

"Be sure you are rite, then go ahead, but in case you don't, then go ahead any wa.

Woman will sometimes confess her sins, but I never knue one tew confess her faults.

Don't mistake arrogance for wisdom; menny people thought they wuz wize, when they wuz only windy.

Men aint apt tew git kicked out ov good society for being rich.

The rode to Ruin iz always kept in good repair, and the taverns pay the expense ov it.

If a man begins life bi bein a fust Lutenan in his families, he need never tew look for promoshun.

The unla profit there is in keeping more than one dorg, is, what you can make on the board.

Young man, study Difference; its the best card in the pack.

Honesty iz the poor man's pork and the rich man's pudding.

There is a luxury in sometimes feeling lonesum.

Lastly—I am violently opposed tew ardent spirits as a beverage, but for manufakturing purposes I think a little ov it tastes good.

FARM AND HOUSE.

Wintering Bees.

A correspondent of the Prairie Farmer kept his bees in a cellar last winter, with excellent result. He says:

"About the 7th or 8th of December I prepared shelves in a thoroughly dry cellar, placing them as near the floor above, or as high as practicable, in order to have them where the air was most pure, much more so than in the bottom of the cellar, and where also, I could at any time set in motion a strong current of fresh air, there being a smaller current continually. The bees were then brought in, the hives turned bottom end up, and then some pieces of mosquito bars stretched tightly over them to keep the bees in, and tacked fast. In some of the hives the bees made small holes in the fabric, but only a few; a tablespoonful or so got through, and in most instances these returned of their own accord, finding out perhaps that it was better to live in a hive where bees and honey were, than apart, where no stores could be obtained.

To break the force of the noise (overhead) as well as to create a current immediately over the bees, I put some four-inch blocks on the corners of the hives, and then some boards on these, thus having two floors as it were between the room above and the bees. Examining them several times, they appeared quiet and prosperous.

I perceive no objection to inverting bees in this manner except that some dead bees and dirt will fall down into the top of the hive between the comb. In mine there was very few or little of either, not enough to cause material injury, as the subsequent good health and prosperity of the bees satisfactorily demonstrated. Moreover this method of inverting the hives gives excellent facilities for inspecting the bees at any time in the common box hive. They may also be easily supplied with water if desired in sponge, as the spring advances.

By this plan of wintering we avoid frost and resulting mould in the comb, and the great loss of bees generally resulting from these causes; and it is quite as practicable to save bees in this manner from frost and mould, and consequently destruction, as it is to save potatoes, in a good cellar, on similar principles.

TOO HEAVY FEEDING, BAD.—Poor animals do not always consume large quantities of feed profitably. Better increase their daily amount gradually, as they appear to improve in flesh, than to commence feeding larger quantities than they can assimilate. An excellent rule in fattening all kinds of stock is, to feed moderately until they show improvement in flesh, then increase the amount gradually, according to the capacity of the animal. Never feed so much that they will not eat it clean, and appear to want a little more. This rule followed, secures good appetite and digestion.—[American Agriculturist.

VERY EARLY LAMBS.—A few days previous to yearning time, confine the ewes in a box stall, or apartment where they will be protected from cold and storms. Feed with good hay and corn stalks, and let them have access to salt and water. Grain and ruts previous to parturition tend to induce garget. As soon as lambs appear thrifty and strong, and take all the milk, one pound of roots and half a pound of meal daily, for each ewe, will make the lambs grow like weeds.—[Ibid.

CHARRING fence posts hastens their decay. The writer has tried the experiment, and found the charred posts rotted off 4 to 6 years sooner than those not charred. There is a thin portion of wood between the charcoal and the unburned wood. If the thin coating of charcoal would exclude the moisture from the unburned timber, it would preserve posts from speedy decay, but it usually does not.—[Ibid.

CARE OF STEEL PLOWS.—Wash them clean and as soon as dry, apply a thin coat of any kind of varnish, or boiled linseed oil, or lard melted with a little rosin, which is good. This will keep the polished surface from rusting during winter, and will slip off readily as soon as the plow runs a few rods in the soil.—[Ibid.

ANYTHING a horse can touch with his nose without being harmed he does not fear. Therefore, the hand, the halter, girth, blanket, saddle, harness, umbrella, buffalo robe, or whatever is brought in proximity to him should be introduced to and touched by that organ. A knowledge of such important facts as we learned by attending a course of lectures, is the main secret of Rarey's success in horse taming.—[Mass. Ploughman.

BELLS will prevent the depredations of dogs among sheep. The reason is plain. A dog that knows enough to kill sheep knows enough to be still and sly about it. The great noise caused by a number of bells makes him fear for his safety, and he leaves without doing damage.

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