

HOME AND FOREIGN GOSSIP.

A CHICAGO minister is affectionately advertised as being "out of a job."

Forty thousand cattle are said to have perished in Utah and Nevada during the winter.

The city of Des Moines, Iowa, has been sued for damages amounting to \$10,000 for the death of a little girl who was washed into a sewer in the winter and drowned.

One hundred and ninety-four inland lakes of Michigan have been stocked with white-fish, which are doing well. The average number in each lake is about 7,000.

A DENVER (Col.) physician protests against Eastern doctors allowing their patients in the last stages of consumption to go to Colorado.

EMILY FAIRBANKS says that after sixteen years' experience she has become convinced that there is no royal road for women. They must learn to work well before they can expect much money, and they must ask for no favors on account of their sex.

Mrs. SEDA SPICER, of Tipton, Iowa, at the mature age of seventy-eight, is as lively as a grasshopper.

A MAN in Maine has discovered the advantage of a large family. He has twenty-two children, and recently, when he made arrangements for moving from one school district to another, thus transferring his school tax, his old neighbors offered to pay him something to remain among them.

A VERY rich coal merchant in England has written to several of his customers, who purchased coals of him for brewing and other purposes connected with the manufacture of beer, regretting that he is unable to continue serving them, as "being an abstainer and a Good Templar, he cannot conscientiously supply coals for the manufacture of the articles of such a trade."

MR. WASHINGTON McLEAN, of Cincinnati, has made the following suggestion: Let all the country towns at the time of the celebration be connected with Philadelphia by telegraph, so that all parts of the country may unite in the opening ceremonies, and even, though far apart, join in the same prayer and songs of praise.

The girls of a California seminary lately developed a singular fancy for using three-cent stamps, instead of the regular kind upon their envelopes.

TEACHING the dumb to speak was lately shown to be no paradox in London. Lord Grayville took the chair at an interesting meeting in Fitzroy square, at which an examination of deaf mutes pupils clearly demonstrated the fact that the motions of the lips can be followed and repeated by ninety-nine out of one hundred of the youngest children who, having been deaf from their birth, are, as an ordinary consequence, dumb.

A CRUSADE ON CORSETS.—Mrs. Susan Everett, M. D., has been lecturing to women for three weeks in Mr. B. C. Cole's and Dr. C. W. Curtis's churches, Brooklyn.

The valley of the Tongue River, a tributary of the Yellowstone, in Montana, has hitherto been the unexplored home of wolves and bears and snakes; but now it is being reclaimed by human hands and is to be peopled with gold seekers.

A GENTLEMAN at Helena, M. T., has a pair of huge mountain lions, or cougars, which he has raised from whelps. These beasts are now about two years old, and fully as large as a good-sized panther.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE.

SUNDERLAND PUDDING.—1 pint sweet milk, 3 eggs, 1 pint of flour, 2 teaspoonfuls salt, mix together, and bake in cup; raisins if you like.

COMMON COOKIES.—1 cup of butter, 2 cups of sugar, 1 coffee cup of buttermilk and sour cream, 1 teaspoonful saleratus, flour; flavor with nutmeg.

RYE CAKES.—3 cups of flour, 1 cup of rye, 1/2 cup yeast, 1/2 cups milk, 1 tablespoonful sugar. In the morning add 1/2 teaspoonful of soda and an egg if you wish.

TO PREVENT TIN RUSTING.—Rub fresh lard over every part of the dish, and then put it in a hot oven and heat thoroughly. Thus heated, any tinware may be used in water constantly, and remain bright and clean from rust indefinitely.

THE American Stock Journal says: "For gravel in horses, give two-thirds of a table-spoonful of saltpetre in a little salt, for consecutive days; or take a pint of watermelon seed and boil it in two quarts of water, till reduced to nearly one-half, and drench two mornings in succession; your horse will be cured."

CHAPPED HANDS.—1 ounce of spermaceti, white beeswax, gum camphor, and 2 ounces of almond oil. Put in a tin cup and place in a vessel of boiling water and melt together. Every time the hands are wet rub a little over them. Lined oil and common beeswax will answer the purpose, but the ointment is not so nice as the above.

TO CLEANSE A COMFORT.—Tie it up loosely and plunge it in scalding water for an hour or two, then spread it on the grass, and let the rain fall on it till it is thoroughly rinsed, and dry in the sun, turning it two or three times a day.

REMEDY FOR HORSE COUGH.—Take 1 pint of wheat bran, wet it with water; put from 5 to 7 drops of tar oil in bran; stir it well and give to the horse twice a day, mornings and evenings. It is also good for the distemper; in fact it is good for any kind of a cough a horse may have. The tar oil can be had at any drug-store; it costs but a trifle.

SUNFLOWERS FOR BARN POLLS.—A correspondent of the Farmers' Union says: "I should like to suggest to such farmers as are bothered to get suitable bean poles to plant a sunflower in each hill of beans. The stalk will grow in advance of the vine, making for it an excellent support. You not only obtain a good bean pole for nothing, but you have a large amount of valuable seed for your fowls in the fall."

A UNIQUE ornament is described by a lady writer in the Arkansas Grange. Sew neatly and closely over the outside of the bowl of a goblet (the bottom and stem having been broken off), or any similar vessel, a piece of red flannel, dip it in water, roll in flax-seed, stand it inverted in a saucer, keep the saucer partly filled with water, and presently you will have a cone of green on a red ground—a very quaint but proper decoration for mantel-piece or center-table.

A HENDERSON COUNTY farmer finds plaster the best and most economical fertilizer for tobacco. After securing a stand, he put about a dessert-spoonful on the bud of each plant. Immediately after the first shower it showed a rich growing color, which held until maturity, notwithstanding a prolonged drought ensued.

BEFORE topping, however, he had as much more applied to each plant—in all about one hundred pounds per acre. The land upon which this experiment was made was high, dry and exhausted years ago. The crop made was uniform in size and uniformly of excellent quality.

CLEANING PAINTED SURFACES UNVARNISHED.—Put upon a plate some of the best whiting, have ready some clean water, and a piece of flannel, which dip into the water and squeeze dry, then take as much whiting as will adhere to it, and apply it to the painted surface, when a little rubbing will instantly remove any dirt or grease; wash well off with water and rub dry with a soft cloth. Painted articles thus cleaned looked equal to new, and without doing the least injury to the most delicate color. It will preserve the paint much longer than if cleaned with soap, and does not require more than half the time usually occupied in cleaning.

TO MAKE METHYGLIN.—Here are two recipes: For strong methyglin, take honey, 14 pounds; warm water, 3 gallons; yeast, 1/2 gill; 2 ounces of hops boiled in 1 quart of water; mix this water, after straining out the hops, with the rest of the material; put all into a cask or jar, and add enough water to make 6 gallons; let it work three days, then bottle, and add down the corks. Another mode: 12 gallons water; whites of 6 eggs; mix well and add 20 pounds of honey; boil 1 hour; add cinnamon, ginger, cloves and mace; as soon as cold put 1 teaspoonful of yeast into it; barrel, keeping the vessel full as it works; after working, stop close; when "fine" bottle for use.

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joyed in the home of refinement, purity and culture, infinitely outweigh those of any possible boarding-school.

When the curriculum of study has been gone through, the education is finished. To speak, then, of travel, may, very properly, be enjoyed to give the final polish.—N. Y. Tribune.

Uncle Billy's Catfish Aquarium.

The little town of Pearlington on Pearl River is pretty well overflooded. A branch of the Poitevan Mills is situated there, and consequently the place is well peopled with negro laborers.

Old "Uncle Billy," a venerable old dard with side whiskers, has a cabin built near the river bank, and was among the first inundated. He was accosted on the street the next morning after the rise by a gentleman with "I hear you were pretty well drowned out last night. How is it?"

"Well, you see, Massa John, de ribber 'gin to my doo 'bout 8 o'clock. I nubber knowd my old cabin was dat full of leaks 'fore, an de way dat ribber did rise on me was wusser den de Dead Sea rise on de Faro. I 'clare fore Massa John, de water dat ribber was deaded for it crawl 'til de room cracks slipper den a possum tail."

"I didn't see nuffin till de ole cabin got kivered wid de overflow and den I begin to bail her out. I bailed her and bailed her till de 'mill bell struck 12 de de clock, an den I gin her up, an toted my ole chest to de fudder side of de cabin an put it up top of de bed, an den I got up on top of de bed, an I tried to sleep, but de catfish was too owdacious; they kept sich a jumpin up all round de bed dat it was impossible to sleep, an I jist lay dar an prayed for de daylight an my fishin pole. An when I see de fust streak of de broke of day a gibberin troo de chinks, I reached up to de rafters an took down my fishin pole; den I cuts off a big piece of fat 'in de bacon side, Massa John, dat was hangin 'dar, an I jist set on my ole chest an caught dem sassy cats till sunrise."—New Orleans Picayune.

An Index to Marriage.

It don't require an astrologer, a medium or a gypsy with a deck of cards. It is very simple—lies in a nutshell, and can be expressed in a few words. They are these: "The last person you would naturally think of."

If a girl expresses a fondness for majestic men with large whiskers, make up your mind that she will marry a very small man with none. If she declares that "mind" is all she looks for, expect to see her stand before the altar with a pretty fellow who has just sense enough to tie a cravat bow. If on the contrary, she declares she must have a handsome husband, look about you for the plainest person in her circle of acquaintance, and declare "that is the man," for it will be.

Men are almost as bad. The gentleman who desires a wife with a mind and mission, marries a hisping baby who screams at the sight of a mouse, and hides her eyes when she sees a head of dyestuff. If she is afflicted with rheumatism or any other ailment, full directions for using will accompany each bottle. None genuine unless the face-stamp of CURTIS & PERKINS is on the outside wrapper.

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BEEF CATTLE—Native, \$10.25 @ 12.25

HOGS—Dressed, 10.00 @ 11.00

SHEEP—Medium—Choice, 7.50 @ 8.50

COTTON—Middling—New, 18 1/2 @ 18 3/4

WHEAT—No. 2 Spring, 1.25 @ 1.27

CORN—New, Mixed, 67 @ 68

OATS—No. 2, 51 @ 52 1/2

RYE—Prime, 90 @ 92

BARLEY—Medium, 1.15 @ 1.18

PORK—New Mess, 17.50 @ 18.00

LARD—Prime Steam, 19 @ 19 1/2

WOOL—Unwashed—Medium, 38 @ 39

ST. LOUIS.

COTTON—Middling, \$7 @ \$7 1/4

BEEF CATTLE—Choice, 5.25 @ 5.70

HOGS—Dressed, 4.75 @ 5.15

SHEEP—Choice Family, 7.00 @ 7.50

WHEAT—No. 2 Spring, 1.25 @ 1.27

CORN—New, Mixed, 67 @ 68

OATS—No. 2, 51 @ 52 1/2

RYE—Prime, 90 @ 92

BARLEY—Medium, 1.15 @ 1.18

PORK—New Mess, 17.50 @ 18.00

LARD—Prime Steam, 19 @ 19 1/2

WOOL—Unwashed—Medium, 38 @ 39

CHICAGO.

BEEVES—Fair to Choice, \$5.00 @ 6.00

HOGS—Good to Choice, 5.40 @ 5.75

SHEEP—Good to Choice, 6.00 @ 6.50

WHEAT—No. 2 Spring, 1.25 @ 1.27

CORN—No. 2, 67 @ 68

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