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8-5.

HOWELL.

HOWELL, KY., Sept. 8.—The drouth, the general topic of conversation, continues unbroken and its consequences become more serious each day of its continuance; water, both for household and farm purposes, is becoming very scarce, tobacco is being cut shorter and still shorter and is now beginning to fire at the bottom badly. The only thing that seems to flourish under its influence is the noxious tobacco worm, and it obeys the scriptural injunction with a most alarming alacrity. Pastures are burning up and to crown it all hogs in many places are dying of cholera (of course). Corn cutting is the almost universal order of the day, and it is, I assure you a light job. The very best crops around here will not make more than 6bbl and I believe 5 is nearer the mark while the average will not be more than 3 or 3½. It must necessarily be very high as it is a crop which cannot stand distant transportation. Hogs are very scarce. Cattle are in good fix but hardly salable at any price. There will be no beef cattle fed this fall around Howell as the price of corn will not justify it.

J. J. C. McKnight, near Garrettsburg, had a tobacco barn burned on yesterday. No particulars learned.

The killing of George Taylor, of which you have already made mention, was a sad shock to this community, in which George was raised and by which he was most highly esteemed. The writer has known George from childhood up and can truly say that he was a young man of noble and generous impulses and a career full of promise was just opening to his young but high ambition when he met his untimely fate. To his mourning mother and sorrowing father and brothers we tender our sincerest sympathy.

The protracted meeting which has been in progress at Bennettstown closed last Sunday. About forty additions. The Rev. Barbee made a most favorable impression upon all who heard him as a powerful pulpit orator and as one calculated in future years to wear its highest honors. The meeting which was being held at Liberty by Rev. Lipscomb also closed on that day with quite a number of additions. As a thinker, reasoner and logician, the pulpit has few abler men.

Another meeting will be held at Locus Grove church on Saturday next and will be protracted. It will be conducted by Rev. Porter, who has many warm admirers in the surrounding community.

If Mr. J. E. Gossett, of Herndon seemed haughty to his friends and acquaintances last week, I beg leave to say it was not intentional, but unavoidable, reason why, his new washerwoman stiff starched his nether garments and he was naturally "stuck up" as the result.

If this letter seems unusually badly written, my excuse is that I am writing in the room where Jno Allensworth is asleep and he snores so loud he shakes the table.

Miss Sammie White, of Newstead, is visiting relatives at Herndon.

Miss Lucy Edwards, formerly of this county, but now of Williamsport, Pa., is visiting relatives here and in the surrounding country. She had been away nearly five years but had no trouble in reasserting her reign as queen of hearts over her former subjects as well as receiving the homage of a host of new ones.

HORACE.

Best All round Medicine in the World—Wonderful Cure of Catarrh.

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A Perfectly Well Man Again.

SAVANAH, GA., Jan. 8, 1887.

Gentlemen—I had a thoroughly developed case of contagious blood poison. My physician tried a month to cure me, but did me no good. I then went to my father, who at once told me to take S. S. S. He got a dozen large bottles. They did me a great deal of good, and I got more. After using the medicine a short time I was entirely cured, and am to-day a perfectly well man.

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An Ancient Time-Piece.

P. B. Maxwell, ticket agent in the West Shore railroad depot at Port Jackson, N. Y., is an indefatigable bric-a-brac collector, and has recently added to his collection a watch which is 287 years old. It is in good repair and measures time fairly well. It has a "fusee" movement, and the face, which is covered by a heavy crystal, shows the hours surrounded by a larger circle on which the minutes are marked. The back is of porcelain, on which is painted a garden scene with a man and woman in the foreground, attired in costumes of the seventeenth century. The features of the figures are decidedly German. Mr. Maxwell, after numerous endeavors, succeeded in purchasing the watch because the fact created jealousy among the heirs of its owner, who were all anxious to possess it. The watch has been in one family for nine generations and was brought to this country in 1784. Its history is well authenticated.—*Jewelers' Weekly.*

PERSONAL.

Mr. N. H. Prohlichstein, of Mobile, Ala., writes: I take great pleasure in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, having used it for a severe attack of Bronchitis and Catarrh. It gave me instant relief and entirely cured me and I have not been afflicted since. I also beg to state that I had tried other remedies with no good result. Have also used Electric Bitters and Dr. King's New Life Pills, both of which I can recommend.

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ENGLISH AS SHE IS TAUGHT

Amusing Blunders That Have Been Made in New York School-Rooms.

In spite of the publication of the amusing and depressing book with the above title, the blunders made in the school-room are by no means exhausted in it. Here are a few fresh ones:

One of the questions in an examination was: "Name several of the exports of Florida." The boy who wrote the following answer showed that he read the newspapers and listened to travelers' tales: "Crocodiles, alligators, reptiles, and invalids when they have got well."

Teachers are sometimes startlingly enlightened as to the absolute stupidity of pupils. Here is one case. A young woman, placed in a certain class because of age rather than attainments, had for weeks studied pages of text books and listened to talks on human physiology, illustrated by diagrams, the skeleton, etc. At the close of the term she had an opportunity to show her comprehension of the work. In answer to the demand to explain the "respiratory process," no response came. The professor, seeing her blank look, put the statement as simply as possible: "With what do you breathe—with your mouth?" She began to say "yes," but a friendly neighbor gave her a warning nudge, and she said "No." "Well, with what?" "I don't know; I forget." She further showed her knowledge by describing the gullet as nine inches in diameter. Another time, after a sheep's heart had been dissected and thoroughly discussed before the class, she was asked to describe the course of the blood through it. After regarding it helplessly for a few moments, she declined on the ground that she saw no opening in "the point" for the blood to get out.

A young lady of similar natural endowments was, to the great distress of the teacher, a member of the class in English history. The date of Elizabeth's reign had come up so frequently that, one day when favored with visitors, the teacher felt safe in asking this stupid young woman the date of Elizabeth's death. The answer came slowly but surely, "From 1558 to 1603."

A little girl who had not learned the table for wine measure was much puzzled by reading on the blackboards "If a quart of wine costs one dollar, how much will three hogsheads cost?" Finally she asked: "Teacher, how many hogs will there be if there's three heads?"

Even attentive pupils find difficulty in comprehending what they hear, and in grasping the connection of thoughts. A class had a short account of Richard Cœur de Lion's romantic adventures read to them. The pupils were asked to tell it in their own words. One stated that Richard, when in Syria, had been asked to a banquet by Aladdin who had the hearts of the English knights, his prisoners, served as part of the feast. Richard, eating the hearts of one who had killed a lion, was ever after known as the "Lion-hearted."

Another told how severely this King had been used while in captivity, the indignities finally culminating in his captors reducing him to a diet of worms.

To be strictly fair to all parties it should be stated that all the class room blunders are not made by the pupils. A teacher who had achieved an excellent reputation in one grade to whose limited range of studies she had strictly confined herself, suddenly and without time for preparation found herself promoted to a higher position. One day when the visiting committee of the board of education was present, the question came up in the course of the lesson: "Who discovered the Hudson river?" "Henry Hudson," replied the child. "Oh, no," said the teacher; "don't you know Henry Hudson discovered Hudson's Bay, but D Soto discovered the river." This teacher also finds it difficult to believe that a number multiplied by a cipher gives a product of nothing. If you take eight dollars no times it can not be possible to have nothing!

Another teacher said to a member of the State Board of Health who was investigating the condition of her room: "No; I haven't any ventilators; I don't see any use for them." "But how do ya keep the air pure?" "Oh, I've got a thermometer."—*Cor. Albany (N. Y.) Argus.*

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

—Good, heavy farm horses sell well.

—In France over two hundred thousand people are engaged in raising beets for sugar.

—Wells on the farm should be thoroughly cleaned out in the spring and fall. At this season there will be a few wells that will not contain toads both alive and in a state of decomposition.

—The Courtes Pattes is a new French breed of fowls recently introduced in this country. They are non-setters, and have very short legs and large bodies, making a very compact appearance when dressed for market.

—The heaviest lamb ever raised in the United States, an Oxford, which attained one hundred pounds in nine months, was fed all the ground oats, in addition to its mother's milk, it could eat. A twin sister reached eighty-seven pounds in the same period.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

—A good motto for the farmer to write over his barn door would be: "Push along; keep moving." There is a whole library of good counsel in these words. It is the soul of progress and improvement. Push along, keep moving.

—The National Agricultural Department report makes the decrease in the hog supply 1,500,000 from last year, and the hog cholera still devastating the herds in some parts of the country. This points to good prices for a year at least.

—The most valuable elements of manure are not to be measured by the cord. The liquid and gaseous portions are the most valuable, and also the hardest to hold. They are the first to escape, and pass off unnoticed through such an easy outlet.

—Better prices are being paid for colts and undeveloped horses now than have been ever known before. Good breeding and good pedigree are guarantees upon which to judge the future horse, and buyers can afford to take more chances now than they could before the matter of breeding received the attention it now does.

—Dragging harrow over the plowed ground is one of the hardest tasks that horses have to do in farm work, and teams are often imposed upon while doing it. The walking is hard for both driver and horses, and the former is often tempted to ride either on the harrow or on one of the horses, not thinking or caring what the consequences really are.—*St. Louis Republican.*

—The presence of organic matter in the soil increases its fertility by equalizing the amount of water which the soil will retain, so it defends the plant against drouths. It not only absorbs water like a sponge when it rains, but in dry weather it abstracts moisture from the air which it yields to the plant, besides it arrests and retains certain kinds of plant food which might otherwise be washed away or down through the soil by rains.—*Golden Rule.*

—For the perfect keeping of milk, says a writer, it is necessary to cool the milk on being drawn from the cow. The dairyman who neglects to do this part of his business fails to do his duty to the milk and his customer, for it is well known to those who have investigated the subject that when fresh milk is shut up in a tight vessel without cooling and allowed to cool off itself, it develops a very disagreeable odor, and the researches of Professors Newton and Wallace at Long Branch lately proved the danger of using milk that has not been properly treated.

GROWTH OF TREES.

Valuable Information Given by a Noted American Horticulturist.

Mr. A. R. Whitney, well known over the United States as a most successful horticulturist, and to nurserymen as the long-time treasurer of the American Nurserymen's Association, lately gave the following information as to the growth of trees, as planted on his farm at Franklin Grove, Ill., as cut last year, which we have tabulated as follows:

NAME OF TREE.	Years Planted.	Diameter Inches.
Honey locust	39	28
Black walnut	44	22
White wood	37	21
Burr oak	34	20
Chestnut	35	16½
European larch	37	24
White beech	35	19
White ash	35	19
Red flowering maple	35	14
Butternut	30	20
Osage orange	36	12
Apple	35	22
Red mulberry	35	11
Iron wood	44	28
Hard maple	44	21
Soft maple	35	36
Red cedar	31	32

These trees, except apple, were not planted singly, but in clumps or regular rows. The osage orange was in hedge rows, and all the trees were from seed or else small trees when planted. The red cedar made twelve fence posts to the tree. Planted timber of valuable kinds will pay.—*Farm, Field and Stockman.*

Strength of Portland Cement.

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