

MORNING STAR AND CATHOLIC MESSENGER. NEW ORLEANS, SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1869.

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Poultry.—Warren Leland succeeds in keeping great numbers of hens, turkeys, and ducks without getting diseases among his poultry. He never checks their natural liberty in summer, and in winter makes them entirely comfortable. He has a park or range of 17 acres, which is given up to the poultry. Then in summer the brood hens have another large field for themselves, and the turkeys go where they please.

Mr. Gray was going away. Would be gone a week. Meanwhile Johnnie must take care of everything about home, and help his mother, as every good boy should. If he did all these things well, Mr. Gray said, like enough somebody would get the work he wanted so much. Johnnie knew well enough who "somebody" was. There was a complete set of the "Rolla Books" at the village bookstore which Johnnie longed to possess. They were just what he liked to read, and he had coaxed his father to buy them for him.

How to Restore Worn-out Land.—J. H. Woodburn, Kingsville, Ohio, says: On a farm I bought some years ago there was a five-acre lot that had been cropped until it was entirely exhausted. It being difficult to obtain manure, I adopted the following plan (and eight inches deep, rolled with a heavy roller to crush the clods, planted to corn, and manured in the hill. I obtained a fair growth of stalks and about 40 bushels of ears to the acre. I picked the corn about the first of September, when fairly glazed, cut up the stalks close to the ground, and plowed them under, green. The next spring they were thoroughly rotted. I plowed and planted to corn as before, manuring in the hill, picked the corn early in September, 80 bushels to the acre, and a heavy growth of stalks, which were again plowed under. Followed the same plan the third year, which gave me a little over 100 bushels of ears to the acre. The following spring I sowed the ground to oats, and seeded with a half bushel of timothy seed and four quarts clover to the acre. I had a heavy crop of oats, and a finer meadow I never saw than I had on that ground. I have pursued this plan frequently, and always with success. If there is any cheaper or better plan for enriching land I would like to know it. The corn pays well for the labor bestowed, and the land is rapidly increasing in fertility.

"Good mornin'!" said Tom, "hoine, are ye?" "Yes," answered Johnnie, "warm, ain't it?" "Rabber guess," answered Tom. "Had any apples yet, Johnnie?" "Apples! Hadn't thought of such a thing yet. Too early, ain't it?" "Some in old Griffin's orchard," said Tom. "I'd like a few," said Johnnie. "I know how to get them," said Tom. "How?" asked Johnnie. "Take 'em," answered Tom, winking very knowingly. "You understand, don't you? For the fun of the thing, you know. Nobody will know anything about it but us."

ARTS, SCIENCES, ETC.

Ice-Making Machinery.—Ammonia, ether, or air, are the three main fluids, each of which may be used to produce artificial ice in quantity, and we have mentioned them in the order of their superiority. Dr. Gorrie, of this country, invented the ammonia machine for this purpose, and Siebe, in England, seems to have the best other apparatus. One of the Siebe apparatus, used by the noted brewery of Traeman, Hansbury & Buxton, can produce five tons of ice in 24 hours, with a coal consumption of ten tons per week, or a cost, say of about seven shillings per ton of ice produced. All additional costs, upon actual consumption, fall short of the ordinary price of ice in England when it is most in demand, and often rises to £2 per ton. But it is not necessary always to produce ice where refrigeration is needed. Apply this effect directly, and that is all that you want. In this way, at the brewery in question, they get the equivalent of fourteen tons of ice in 24 hours. To cool the air in public halls and dwellings, and passenger ships in tropical regions, what a boon! These machines can be made of all sizes.

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CROCODILES AND MONKEYS.

On some of the islands in the Gulf of Siam, crocodiles are very abundant, and a recent traveler in that region describes the manner in which these monsters of the deep catch the apes, also numerous, which sometimes take a fancy to play with them. "Close to the bank lies the crocodile, his body in the water, and only his capacious mouth above the surface, ready to seize anything that may come within reach. A troop of apes catch sight of him, seem to consult together, approach little by little and commence their frolics, by turns actors and spectators. One of the most active, or most impudent, jumps from branch to branch till within a respectful distance of the crocodile when, hanging by one claw and with the dexterity peculiar to these animals, he advances and retires, now giving his enemy a blow with his paw, at another time only pretending to do so. The other apes, enjoying the fun, evidently wish to take part in it; but the other branches being too high, they form a sort of chain by laying hold of each other's paws, and thus swing backwards and forwards, while any one of them who comes within reach of the crocodile torments him to the best of his ability. Sometimes the terrible jaws suddenly close, but not upon the audacious ape, who just escapes, then there are cries of exultation from the tormentors, who gambol about joyfully. Occasionally, however, the claw is entrapped, and the victim dragged with the rapidity of lightning beneath the water, when the whole troop disperses, groaning and shrieking. The misadventure does not, however, prevent their recommencing the game a few days afterwards."

"I found this knife there, however, but don't know who owns it." "Why?" exclaimed Lucy, Johnnie's sister, as Mr. Griffin laid the knife on the table. "That's your knife, Johnnie?" "That's your knife, Johnnie?" "Poor Johnnie! Found out after all!" "Did you steal Mr. Griffin's apples?" his father asked sternly. "I didn't want to go, but Tom Bryan dared me to," said Johnnie, bursting into tears. "He said it wasn't stealing. 'Only in fun,' he said, 'wasn't any harm.'"

COMPARATIVE NUTRITIVE PROPERTIES OF FOOD.

Every hundred weight of bread contains eighty pounds nutritious matter; meat, averaging the various sorts, thirty-five; French beans (in the grain,) ninety-two; broad beans, eighty-nine; peas, ninety-three; greens, eight; turnips, eight; carrots, fourteen; and potatoes twenty-five. One pound of good bread is equal to nearly three pounds of potatoes, and seventy-five pounds of bread and thirty pounds of meat are equal to three hundred pounds of potatoes; or, to go more into detail, three-quarters of a pound of bread and five ounces of meat are equal to three pounds of potatoes; one pound of potatoes is equal to four pounds of cabbage and three of turnips; but one pound of rice, broad beans, or French beans, is equal to three pounds of potatoes.

WIT AND WISDOM.

Paper cuts.—Newspaper attacks. A table of interest—the dinner table. Thoughtful Hospitality—Entertaining an idea.

Modern Rod of Correction—A stick of candy. What grows bigger the more you contract it! Debt. "The Man at the Wheel"—The velocipedist. "Motto for market gardeners"—"Let us have peas."

A Debate on the Constitution—A consultation with a physician. The man who was "beut on matrimony" straightened up afterwards. The most peaceable way to have a knock-down is to get up an auction. "None of your unkind reflections," as the man said to the looking-glass.

The sieve through which the man strained every nerve is for sale at cost price. Why is a dilapidated shoe like ancient Greece? Because it once had a Solon. Charles Kean said a bad horse was like a poor play; it can't run and won't draw. Always be grateful. Stick to your flannels in warm weather because they stick to you.

In the language of flowers, if you wish for "heart's ease," never look to "marry-gold." This much of good at least may be learned from the mirror—its reflections are always truthful. Whatever the wind may do in winter, it cannot be denied that in spring it "turns over a new leaf."

A man with nothing to do is no better than a vegetable—in fact, not so good, for even a turnip grows. A young lady being recommended to exercise for her health, said she would jump at an offer and run her own risk. Why are bankrupts more to be pitied than idiots? Because bankrupts are broken while idiots are said to be only cracked.

An old lady in New Jersey thinks the ice crop will be good this year, because there hasn't been much frost to injure it. What should a young man carry with him when calling upon his affianced? Affection in his heart, perfection in his manners, and confection in his pockets. That young man to whom the "world owes a living" has just been turned out of doors—the landlord not being willing to take the indebtedness of the world on his own shoulders.

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"Miss A., what is your opinion of the weather?" "I think it intends to clear, and I wish some folks would follow the weather's example, and clear too." Mr. B. seized his hat and cleared.

"Well, Jane, this is a queer world," said Joe to his wife, "a sect of women philosophers has sprung up." "Indeed?" said Jane, and what do they hold? "The strangest thing in the world," said he, "their tongues."

People in Newport must be very inquisitive. A painter in that city, at work on a house, to save the necessity of answering questions, hangs out the following bulletin: "Answers to all questions—Building red, sashes green, bricks to be penciled if noony holds out; only one coat paint. Hudson, painter."

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