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LITTLE FAN.

Little Fan lived with her grandparents in a valley hidden among high mountains. Her granny was a "powerful smart woman," said the few poor people who knew them. Her grandeur was as hard and cold as one of those faces that you see cut by Nature in the side of a rock.

You must know that Fan's granny had one castle in the air. She hoped some day to go and see a bedridden daughter, who lived far away. Grandeur thought the plan great nonsense.

But often and often she and Fanny would talk of her castle in the air, and they would take out the stores of cloth and linen, spun and woven by Mrs. Baggs with her own hands, and lay aside the best and handsomest to take to "poor Miry, when—well, dear knows when, but some day, when Baggs can spare me!" that was the way granny always ended these talks.

Now Fanny knew that the great obstacle to the journey was want of money. Mr. Baggs was a rich man for that region, but he was very "near," everybody said, and he thought traveling a wicked waste of money.

"Do you make birch boxes, granny," said Fan, "and I'll fill them with berries, and take them over the road and sell them to the passengers that go by in stages and pods"—("pods" meant any vehicles except stage-coaches).

"No, I thank you," answered the lady, but something about the child attracted her, and she said, pleasantly, "It is a warm day, isn't it?"

Some Few of the Local Idioms of the United States.

DIVERSITIES OF SPEECH IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

No person of observation, says the New York Times, can travel far, nor tarry long in different quarters of our land, peopled as it is by the descendants of so many different nationalities, without being impressed by their diversities of speech, which are perhaps more remarkable than the differences in their manners and customs.

I visited New Hampshire while a lad, and was impressed with the oddity of several idioms which were then, and I presume are now, a part of the daily speech of the people. They were certainly unlike anything that I had ever heard in New York.

"We'uns" and "you'uns," manifestly corruptions of such tautology as "we ones" and "you ones" were expressions which so often greeted the ear of the Northern soldier during the war, that he almost ceased to think them outlandish.

"Gobble" and "skeddaddle" were peculiar to the army in war-time, and have not outlived that period, I believe, to any extent. They were very expressive words and gave a significant meaning to what would otherwise have been called "plunder" or "capture," and "fight." They were used both as verbs and nouns.

"Touse," which appears as a dictionary word, signifying a pulling, hauling or disturbance, has become obsolete almost everywhere in this country; though I have heard it used in New England as the expressions "training" and "carrying-on" are elsewhere used to designate the capers and pranks of exuberant young people.

Upon reviewing the above I find that the Great Unabridged contains "forehanded," "tote," and "skeddaddle." The latter is stated to be an importation from Sweden and Denmark, and to have been in use among emigrants to our Northwestern countries for several years.

Household Hints.

How to Banish Rats and Mice.—A French paper says that petroleum destroys all insects and banishes rats and mice.

Ham Dressed in Claret.—Take a glass of claret, a teaspoonful of sugar, and one of chopped onion; place in a frying-pan; when the claret boils place in the rashers of ham, but cut very thin; cool well, and serve with the sauce. This is a most appetizing dish.

Cleaning Stoves.—Stove water, when mixed with turpentine, and applied in the usual manner, is blacker and more glossy, and more durable than when mixed with any other liquid. The turpentine prevents rust, and when put on an old rusty stove, will make it look as well as new.

Chopped Ham.—The simplest remedy is found in every one's kitchen closet, and is common starch. Reduce it to an impalpable powder, put it in a muslin bag, keep it in the table drawer. Whenever you take your hands out of dishwater or suds, wipe them dry with a soft towel, and wipe yet damp, shake the starch bag all over them and rub it in. The effect is most agreeable.

Erasive Soap.—Recipe for making genuine erasive soap that will remove grease and stains from clothing: Two pounds of good castile soap, half pound of carbonate of potash dissolved in a half pint of hot water. Cut the soap in thin slices, boil the soap with potash until it is thick enough to mold in cakes; also add alcohol, half an ounce; camphor, half an ounce; hartshorn, half an ounce; color with half an ounce of pulverized charcoal.

Fish.—Seth Green, pisciculturist, while exhibiting a tank of fish in public recently, made a few remarks on the nature and habits of these animals; and referring to the mooted question, "Do fish hear?" answered emphatically in the negative.

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