Courage.

As courage is pre-eminently the virtue of men, so it is the virtue which most powerfully challenges the respect and emulation of men. And it deserves this pre-eminence, for it is also the virtue which gives security to all the other virtues.—Lowell.

Give Bright Thoughts a Chance.

Just try, by taking a few minutes a day—if you cannot take more—to live upon the heights, to give heed to that noble and beautiful thing within you which is the real you, which wants to grow and develop. Give it a chance. Dwell with infinite things for a little while every 24 hours. And "soon the cares that infest the day will fold their tents like Arabs and silently steal away," and life will become very happy, very beautiful. Try it.—Barbara Boyd in Chicago Post.

Freak of Nature.

A phosphorescent sea, often visible in the tropics but rarely seen in the higher latitudes, was noted all along the New Jersey coast one night recently. The gleam cast a circle of light above the water and reached far up the shore. As the breakers came in their crests broke in a shower of dull, glowing fire and the air far in shore was filled with a peculiar odor.

Insatiable Ambition.

"I hope our ambitious friend is satisfied," said the philosophic observer. "He has prospered so that he can do as he pleases." "Yes. But that doesn't content him. While he is doing as he pleases he wants everybody to quit work and applaud him for doing it so nicely."—Washington Star.

Discriminating Sparrows.

An Atchison man planted lettuce, but as fast as it came through the ground the English sparrows ate it off. He finally got a few small flags and stuck them in the lettuce bed and not a sparrow would consent to touch that lettuce as long as Old Glory floated over it.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

Pretty Sure.

Whenever a man is threatened by the deep sea he is pretty sure to find the devil on the other side of him.

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THE CHILDREN

FUN WITH COMICAL FIGURES

Boy May Cause Merriment By Arranging Funny Head to Long Stick, Covered With Cloth.

Much amusement may be given by any boy on a winter's night by arranging a funny head to the end of a long stick. Around the neck gather a loose skirt of some cheap dark material, long enough to reach to the ground when the stick is held at arm's length above the head of the boy who will be inside. The material should be coarse, so that the boy inside can see through. About the height of his knee wire the skirt to make it stand out, and another wire the height of the neck will keep the view clear and

Comical Giant.

keep the folds of the skirt away from his face. When the person is inside he will look like a funny giant, and the attitudes and movements he makes will please his audience. The accompanying pictures will give some of the

Amusing Dwarf.

movements and show the change from a giant to a dwarf. If the performer is deft, he can make up attitudes and introduce funny speeches while he girates about the room.

ORIGIN OF DIFFERENT WORDS

Common Slang Term "Mash" Is From Gypsy Word, "Mafada" Meaning "to Charm By the Eyes."

"Pow-wow" comes from the North American Indians.

The word boss comes from the low Dutch and means master.

Kidnap comes from the napping or stealing of a kid, gipsy for child.

Calaboose, a prison; picaroon, a pirate; palaver, to talk, are all Spanish.

"A rum chap" is simply a gipsy lad; it has no relation to the product of the still.

Pal is a brother, and "conk," for nose, comes from the spouting fountain, the concha of the Romans.

Demijohn comes from the Arabic damaghan, itself taken from the Persian glass making town of Demaghan.

The common slang word "mash" is from a beautiful gipsy word, "mafada," which means "to charm by the eyes."

Why should a man be called a spoon? Why spoony when he is making love? Simply because he is a "loeffel," which also means spoon.

A tinker's dam has nothing to do with swearing. It is merely the dar or stoppage, made of flour and water, which which the tinker stops the gap he is mending until the tin or the pewter he is using had cooled.

RIDDLES.

What is it we all often say we will do and nobody has ever yet done?

Stop a minute.

What word contains all the vowels in their proper order?

Facetious.

What word of fifteen letters is there from which you can subtract twelve and leave ten?

Pretentiousness.

Why have poultry no future state of existence?

They have their necks twirled (next world) in this.

What is it that never was and never will be?

A mouse's nest in a cat's ear.

Why is a locomotive like a belle?

She scatters the sparks and transports the mails.

Satisfied.

Uncle John—Willie, if you could have your way, who would you rather be than anybody else?

Small Willie—Just me—if I could always have my way.

PLAYED ON MEN'S CUPIDITY

Polish Jews Had Really Neat Fraudulent Scheme Which They Employed for Years.

There was a certain engaging novelty in the swindle practiced successfully for many years by four Polish Jews, who have recently been caught by the Parisian police. They worked on the cupidity of their victims in view of the desire that most people cherish of getting something for nothing.

The four swindlers first marked their man with care. They then approached him with the alluring suggestion that he should join them in the manufacture of banknotes by an electrical process of their own invention. The thing was simplicity itself. All one had to do was to place two two-pound notes—the dupe's, of course—in a square box, and a sheet of blank paper between them. After a suitable interval for incubation—twenty-four hours as a rule—the box was solemnly opened in the presence of the dupe, and "Hey, presto!" there were not two, but three banknotes.

To the dupe, of course, it appeared a royal road to riches, and he was easily induced to contribute a couple of 40-pound banknotes to his benefactors so as to have them subjected to the same clandestine process. Needless to say he saw neither notes nor box nor Poles again. The whole trick was worked by a false bottom and clever sleight of hand. Sooner or later it was bound to happen. The four swindlers made a litle mistake in physiognomy or psychology, and fell upon a man who was both shrewd and honest, with the result that they are now in the hands of the police.

Questioned by M. Guichard, they at first pretended to be entirely ignorant of French. The magistrate had to resort to a Machiavellian strategem. Having discovered two banknotes at the bottom of the magic box, he turned suddenly to the prisoners and demanded, "To whom do these belong?" "They're mine, sir," replied the quartette with one voice and in excellent French.

Wicked Imagination.

Proverbs says one of the six things that is an abomination to the Lord is "a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations." It is also an abomination to everybody. And there is much of it going on. Some people seem to enjoy the fancy that a certain person is living a mean and deceitful life. No fact back of it; nothing but a dislike or low suspicion. When a person can harbor such imaginings he himself is guiltier than the one he suspects.

When a man's heart gets to breeding suspicions, all noble emotions are excluded. It would be ten times better that he thought well of a man, even if he were mistaken than to think ill of him, even if he were not. These wicked imaginations are mean things to have in a man's heart, even if there is some warrant for them, for they spoil the tenderest and swetest sentiments. No, no; a man wants a clean, open heart all the time; he wants the sunlit breezes to blow through and freshen it up and kill off the wild and poisonous vermin that get in there.

That is the better life. We don't want men coming to us with their hearts full of venom and spurting it into our face.—Ohio State Journal.

Making a Luxury of Sorrow.

The happiest and the best of us have "fits of the blues" once in awhile. Sometimes we make a luxury of sorrow; we pet and nurse and dandle the real or supposed affliction and make it our coddled darling, our spoiled child.

We actually resent the efforts of any one to clear away the fog and show us that the sun is shining and that if we are blue, so is the sky.

When we have "the blues" we are as anxious to be let alone as a traveler drowsily perishing in a snowbank.

Yet if we had the courage every time the spell came on us we would sit down, as Robinson Crusoe did, and put in parallel columns our reasons for joy and our causes for repining. And then we would find how far the first overlapped the second.

When we feel "blue," if we look hard, we will discover nothing there but the dreary, melancholy color.

If we would look up we would see that it isn't the world that is blue; it is only the sky.

If we must have "the blues" let us have the heavenly blues.

Rank Shown by Cheese.

The English, the Germans and the Norwegians are great consumers of cheese, but the people of Switzerland surpass them all.

The cheese of Zermatt is so hard that one is obliged to scrape it or cut off chunks with a hatchet, and its use is considered most important on all ceremonious occasions.

The rank of a Swiss family is known by the age of its cheese, and the more affection or respect a guest inspires the harder is the cheese which is cut in his honor.

It is said that there are families in Switzerland whose cheeses date from the first French Revolution, and these are served only at baptisms, weddings and after funerals.

Upon the birth of a new heir a cheese is made that takes the name given him or her, and that particular cheese is never in any circumstances cut until the boy or girl grows up and is married.

On such occasions each of the guests takes a piece of cheese from the bridegroom and from the bride and drinks to their felicity, the cheese being held aloft.

DAIRY

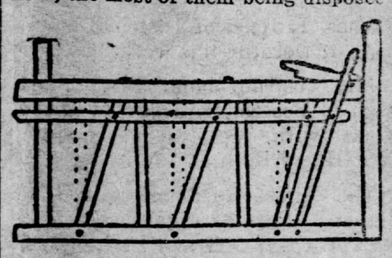
ECONOMICAL TO RAISE COW

Found More Profitable and Preferable Than Buying—Give Milk Testing High in Butterfat.

(By L. MORSE.)

I have found it more profitable and preferable to raise my cows rather than buy them. A few years ago while living in Pennsylvania, I had some experience along both lines. In two instances, circumstances necessitated my buying cows to replenish a dairy herd. In all I bought nine cows, and at the time thought I was buying very carefully.

Out of the nine, only two proved to be in any wise desirable, the remainder being from ordinary to poor, and not profitable enough to keep in the herd, the most of them being disposed



Handy Cow Stanchion.

of at a discount from the purchase price. In the meantime I had growing up six heifers from the best cows in a large dairy herd of grade Jerseys, and out of a thoroughbred Jersey bull. These were bred to another registered Jersey bull of good individual merit and approved pedigree, and their most promising heifers raised to cowhood. what was the result?

Almost without exception the cows thus raised were extra good ones, giving milk testing high in butter fat, the average herd producing a pound of butter from much less than twenty pounds of milk, while such cows as I had been obliged to buy would not make the same amount from less than twenty-five pounds of milk.

The stanchion shown in the illustration, which is self-explanatory, will be found handy in any cow barn. The lever attached to the end is used for opening and closing.

HOLSTEIN COW IS SUPERIOR

No Breed Excels In Great Constitutional Vigor and In Fulfillment of All Requirements.

No breed excels the Holstein in great constitutional vigor. Holstein milk fulfills most completely all requirements when food for infants and invalids is under consideration.

The suggestion that milk richest in fat is not the best for building up strength in babies seems to be proved

Excellent Herd Leader.

by the fact that human milk contains about three per cent. of fat. That fat in milk provides heat appears probable, when it is remembered that the camel, a more or less tropical animal, gives milk containing only about three per cent. of fat, while in the milk of the dolphin whale, which inhabits the waters of the colder regions, the fat percentage is not less than 43.8. The milk of the reindeer contains 17 per cent. of fat. The fat of Holstein milk is very finely divided into globules or particles, and is very thoroughly mixed with the milk or emulsified.

Good Dairy Farmer.

A good dairy farmer has been described as "a good general farmer plus the love of cows." This is a good definition, because the man who does not have a fondness for cattle and who does not find some satisfaction in caring for them seldom turns out to be a very capable and prosperous dairy farmer.

Food for Milk.

If a cow could talk and you would ask what she would have to eat she would answer, "Give me a juicy, succulent food and I will give twice as much milk." The succulent food is supplied in the summer by a good pasture and in the winter by silage. All farmers should have a silo.

Buy While Cheap.

Experience the last twenty years proves that both grain and rough feed are cheaper in the fall than at any other time. So if you will have to buy this winter, buy now.

The Dairy Pasture.

The dairy herd should be taken up early in the fall, so as to allow the last growth of grass to afford protection to the roots during the winter.

Not All Owing to Wife.

"Biggins says he owes everything to his wife." "That isn't true," replied Biggins' father-in-law. "His wife quit lending him anything years ago and then he started in owing me."—Washington Star.

Air Flight for Consumption.

If you have incipient consumption—take a flight in an airship. Doctor Flemming, an eminent authority on tuberculosis, lecturing before the Berlin Aeronautical association, described the benefits of high altitudes upon those afflicted, and asserted that fifteen minutes' exposure to the sun's rays during an airship flight at high altitude was certain death to the bacilli of tuberculosis.

We Are a Nation of Frog-Eaters.

Frogs' legs, at which people turned up their noses in disgust only a few years ago, have now become so popular an article of diet that no fewer than 6,000,000 frogs a year are killed in Minnesota alone to supply the demand. The northwestern frogs are the most delicate, but the biggest are the southern bullfrogs. The latter are not so sweet or tender as the former.

Greek Fire to Be Used Again.

To stop following hostile vessels or even for purposes of attack when the conditions are right a German naval officer has invented a Greek fire that will burn while floating on water.

Emphatic Comment.

It was held by the duke of Wellington that the true story of the battle of Waterloo had never been written. A contemporary relates how he once sat in a carriage with the duke and "watched him read a ponderous quarto recital of the battle of Waterloo. Against paragraph after paragraph he traced the letters 'L.' or 'D. L.' with a great blunt ended pencil. I ventured to ask what these mystic letters meant. The pithy reply was: "'Lie" and "Damned lie," to be sure.'"

Willing to Please.

"During an anti-fly campaign," writes E. K. O. to the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "one of the teachers in our public schools urged the children to bring in all the flies they could capture. The reward was to be ten cents a pint. On the following day the schoolmarm was astonished to get this question from one of her small charges: "'Teacher, we ain't got no flies at out house. Will bedbugs do jest as well?'"

Desire for Long Life.

There appears to exist a greater desire to live long than to live well! Measure by man's desires, he cannot live long enough; measure by his good deeds, and he has not lived long enough; measure by his evil deeds, and he has lived too long.