

Summers' Column.



Let me see your horse's teeth and teeth Who shows a dull or loose a horse's Or points a tree, is more than all.

Hard and Soft Water.

You often hear of water for household purposes being called hard and soft. The reason why some waters, especially spring water, are hard is owing to the mineral matters dissolved in them. Rain water is never hard because it is nearly free of solid matter. The reason you had such an uncomfortable wash and shave this morning at your friend's house was owing to the water being largely charged with lime and magnesia. When soap is rubbed between the palms in water of this description, the stearic acid in the oil of the soap combines with the lime and magnesia, and forms compounds which the water cannot dissolve, and hence the provoking curdliness you observed. For the latter to be a perfect one, complete solution to the constituents of the soap must take place, and in pure water this would be the case. But some waters are permanently hard, while some are temporarily so. Permanent hardness is caused when water is charged with sulphate of lime and magnesia, and temporary hardness by carbonate of lime and magnesia. Pure water dissolves the sulphates, but not the carbonates. Then how do the carbonates come to be in the water at all? The reason is this: All natural waters, but especially spring and well water, contain more or less free carbonic acid gas in a state of absorption, and when thus charged, are capable of dissolving the carbonates; but whenever this gas is expelled from the water, say by boiling it, the carbonates are at once deposited; and this accounts for the incrustation in the kettle, and when this takes place the water becomes quite soft. The boiling does not effect the sulphates to any degree in this way in water that is permanently hard. Temporarily hard water can be made soft by more means than boiling alone. If a tubful of it at night be stirred up with a little slacked lime and allowed to settle, in the morning there will be a white deposit at the bottom of the tub, and the water will be found to be quite soft, because the lime added will combine with the free carbonic acid gas in the water, and the whole of the carbonates will become deposited, in virtue of their insolubility in water without this gas.

For drinking purposes, rain water, being passed through a charcoal filter, to remove the organic matter it contains, is the most wholesome for adults. The general objection is its tastelessness. A pinch of salt will remedy this. For the young, however, soft water in the water, of the right kind, such as lime and magnesia, is good, as these go to build up the bony structures of the child.

Keep the Poor Fruit at Home.

In our frequent walks among the dealers, we often wish that we could have the company of those who send fruit to market. Here are several barrels of apples, waiting for the cart to take them to the dump—Why? Merely because they sent too much. His 'Early Harvest,' 'Primate,' or 'Alexander,' trees bore well; he shook off the fruit, gathered it up, good and bad, bruised and sound, into barrels, and sent it to market. It had no sale; decay set in, and the commission man can only get rid of it at the dump, and has a bill against the sender for expenses. Had one-third of this fruit been kept at home and fed to the pigs, or ground to make cider for vinegar, the better two-thirds would have had a ready sale. Many no doubt think that we harp needlessly, every year upon this matter of assorting fruit. The caution is not needless, and we shall continue to repeat it, until we see a better state of things in the market. A peck of poor fruit will spoil the sale of a barrel. The price is not fixed by the many good specimens, but the few poor ones bring the whole lot down to their level. Every one who sends fruit or other produce to market should know that it is sold by its appearance.

ADVANTAGES OF BEARDED WHEAT.

Among the advantages claimed for bearded wheat are that they are harder and tiller more; not liable to attacks of mildew; they make a rich yellow flour which commands a good price in market; Objections to bearded wheats are that they have a too soft straw, hence are liable to lodge easily; the chaff falls off too much in the shock, causing the grain to waste in handling; the beards make the sheaves disagreeable.

OUR FRIENDS THE HORSE.

The heavy work of the season will soon be over. Let the horse have a chance to recruit. No animal more faithfully serves man than the horse, and none deserves better treatment. If for want of work for them to do the animals are turned to pasture, be sure and bring them to the stables at night and give them a ration of grain. It is cheaper, as well as more humane, to prolong the good care the lives and services of horses we have than to wear out and buy others.

A Change Coming.

A retail grocer in a village in the interior of the State remarked yesterday while in Detroit on business, that a change in the method of advertising for customers would soon be put in practice in cases like his own. Instead of advertising sugar, coffee and tea at lower prices than ever, he said in Slabtown before, his customers are to be something like this: 'During the winter my grocery will be the headquarters of every man in town who can point out the mistakes of this country for the past seventy-five years. He will have a full stock of canned fruits and jellies, but instead of advertising them directly he will say: 'Come down and sit on my counter and the heads of my sugar barrels and talk politics and tell each other what this country needs to make her great.' He will have bonneted codfish, dried beef and sugar-cured hams, but he will call attention to them by saying: 'One hundred old settlers wanted every night in the week to talk about the drought of '49, the panic of '57, the frosty summer of '42, and the warm winter of '58. Cushioned chairs reserved for the biggest liars.'

Instead of advertising his new stock of syrups or making any blow about his extra vinegar, he will inform the public: 'We talk horse. We discuss religion. We jaw over politics. We revise the Constitution of the United States and run several of the departments of government. What we don't know you can't find out anywhere else. Come and loaf and lie with us.'—Detroit Free Press.

Filial Love.

There is not on earth a more lovely sight than the unwearied care and attention of children to their parents. When filial love is found in the heart, we will answer for all the other virtues. No young man or woman will ever turn out badly, we sincerely believe, who has parents respected and beloved. A child, affectionate and dutiful, will never bring the gray hairs of his parents in sorrow to the grave. It is seldom the case that a dutiful son is found in the ranks of vice, among the wretched and degraded. Filial love will keep man from sin and crime. There never will come a time, while your parents live, when you will not be under obligations to them. The older they grow, the more need will there be for your assiduous care and attention to their wants. The venerable brow and frosty hair speak loudly to the love and compassion of their child. If sickness and infirmity made them at times fretful, bear with them patiently, not forgetting that time is long may bring you to need the same care and attention. Filial love will never go unrewarded.

An Artful Engineer.

While Gen. Mahone was President of the East Tennessee Road, one of the engineers had a fireman put on him that he did not like, so he resolved to get rid of him. One day, just after the first trip, the fireman and the engineer were discussing Gen. Mahone, and the fireman remarked that he felt like giving the general a good 'cussing.'

Why don't you do it, then?

'Yes, and get fired,' sentimentally said the fireman. 'Not much,' replied the engineer. 'You can never get along on this road until you cuss Mahone. I cussed him out for every blanket blank thing that has happened since he was in charge and have got along all right.' The fireman concluded he would do the same thing. So the next trip to Richmond he went to Mahone's office and heaped on him such a torrent of abuse that nearly took his breath away. Mahone heard him through, and then told the fireman to come and get his money after the next trip. Things seemed to be different from what he expected, so he went to consult his friend, the engineer.

You darn fool,

'You didn't cuss him to his face did you?' 'Of course I did,' the fireman said, 'didn't you tell me that you did the same thing?' 'No not by a blamed sight,' adding some words that contained a not very complimentary allusion to the heated flames of the lower regions; 'why, when I cussed Mahone, he was in Richmond and I was in Bristol, and I gave him a good cussing, too.'

Well, the fireman got bonned,

and the engineer was made suddenly and strangely happy. 'The newest thing out is 'comet parties.' The guests assemble at 4 a. m., and view the comet until the sun rises. 'The perianth crop is abundant, which old people is a sure sign of a cold, hard winter. 'A coolness has sprung up between the nights and morning. Owing to the trouble in Egypt gum drops have gone up, but taffy still continues to be cheap. 'First Lady—Dear me, I never saw Mrs. Putt look so pale.' Second Lady—Nor I; she's probably been out in the wet without an umbrella.'

Miscellaneous Adv.

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Give her a call at the Post Office.

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SEEDS FOR THE MARKET, SEEDS FOR THE PRIVATE FAMILY, SEEDS FOR THE COUNTRY, SEEDS FOR THE SOUTH, SEEDS FOR THE NORTH, SEEDS FOR THE WEST, SEEDS FOR THE EAST.

R. A. GOLDEN.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE To the People of Charles.

THE undersigned having removed to and thoroughly re-equipped his office, and engaged his best stand near the HOTEL in

Bryantown, GENERAL BLACKSMITHING BUSINESS.

With strict personal supervision of the HORSESHOE DEPARTMENT, carefully regarding the various DISEASES OF THE FOOT, and repairing and re-setting in the most perfect manner.

He is also prepared, in association with an accomplished PAINTER & TRIMMER, and a WHEELWRIGHT, with commodious and well arranged shops for the purpose, to make

Carriages, Buggies, Ox-Carts, and Wagons, or any pattern of Style and to repair all kinds of machinery and substantially as can be done in the city factories.

WITH PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES. We will always be ready, that having purchased from Mr. C. M. Bond his

UNDERTAKING OUTFIT, and thoroughly and tastefully repaired, and he is prepared, with an experienced UNDERTAKER, and all necessary appliances, to take charge of

CASKETS & COFFINS, and will be prepared at all times on shortest notice to accommodate all who may wish to use this line.

Call and See and Learn for Yourself. PETER TROTTER, Spring & Summer Millinery, JUST RECEIVED.

Mrs. J. V. SMOOT, Port Tobacco, Md. RESPECTFULLY invites the attention of the Ladies to her stock of NEW MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS, at her residence on the corner in one of the wings of the Hotel King. The names, in part, the following:—All styles of trimmed and untrimmed Hats, and Bonnets; Fans, Sanitaries and Lockettes; Ribbons; American and French Flowers; Laces, imitation and real; lace and silk Neckties; lace Bows; Italian and thread Laces; hemstitched and plain Handkerchiefs; Hamburg, Elzinga; shell, gilt, pearl and jet Ornaments; Satinets; Platts; Bands; Collars and Cuffs of all kinds and shapes; Corsets; Hair, and all the latest Fashions; Skirt Protectors; Pins; Fancy Soap; Toilet Combs; Skirt Brads; Bustles; Corsets; Belts; Towels; Barrets, &c., &c.

She will take and execute orders for DRESS MAKING. Port Tobacco, Md. 1878.

DENTAL SURGERY.

DR. A. D. COBEY, OFFERS his Professional Services to the People of Charles and the adjoining counties. He will do both Operative and Mechanical Work; correct irregularity in Teeth, &c. Dr. Cobey will be in his office in Port Tobacco the first and second weeks in each month. The rest of the time he will devote to calls from home. Office over the Grange Hall, in the 'Boswell Building.'

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With the CITY MARKETS, I have determined to offer from this date extraordinary inducements to families and others desiring to purchase FLOUR. I have just received and have in stock 100 BARRELS OF CHOICE FLOUR VARYING IN GRADE, from Super to Family, which I will sell at a net advance of 25 cents on prime cost. GEO. J. R. HUNT, Eyes Wm. of

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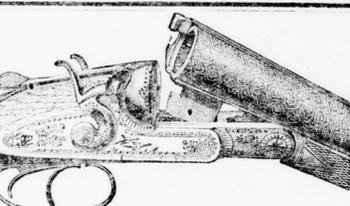
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