

BOSTON METHODS.

He Got His Drink, but the Law Remained Intact.

He was a stranger in Boston, says the Herald. It was Sunday night, after a trip on the "ghost train" from New York. He wanted a drink, but knew not how or where to get it.

He was in a Puritanical city, quartered with some religious and temperance relatives, and he longed for the morrow or a glass of whiskey. His longing was of short duration. Within a stone's throw of Scollay Square he met a metropolitan friend who had been in Boston before.

"Together they went to the nearest hotel restaurant.

"I don't want to eat, but drink," said the thirsty man, as he held back.

"Never fear; your want shall be supplied."

The waiter came, and the man who knew Boston looked at him with a knowing smile, and said: "Bring me one hard-boiled egg and a bottle of Bass's ale."

"Add a good bumper of whisky to that order for me," said the other.

"I can comply with the other for an egg and a bottle of beer, but"—turning to the late arrival—"I cannot serve you."

"And why?"

"Because you should have ordered something to eat. Furthermore, you should have ordered it before ordering the drink. That's the law."

"True," said the man acquainted with Boston: "the waiter has no alternative. If he should serve you now he would be discharged."

The new comer had to sit while his friend drank Bass and put the boiled egg into his pocket, to be thrown away when he had departed.

As soon as the thirsty traveler got out of the dining room he bolted for another hotel near by. He ordered a cracker, and then added, "and a glass of whisky." His thirst was satisfied. The law remained intact.

GULLS AS LOG-ROLLERS.

How They Secured a Scant Meal Composed of Barnacles.

In the water off the site of the old Hatch mill at the railroad wharves, says the Tacoma Herald, a bunch of logs has lain for a long time. The other day a lot of sea gulls alighted on them. Among the flock was a monster gull who seemed to be the captain, and who, as subsequent events revealed, possessed an intelligence not commonly attributed to sea gulls.

He walked alone to a particular log, stood over on one side of it close to the water, and then uttered peculiar cries. The other gulls followed him, and all stood over on one side of the log. The submerged side of the log was thick with barnacles. Under the combined weight of the gulls the log rolled to one side. Then following the lead of the big white captain, the gulls ran from side to side of the log as it rolled. Before long as they had the log rolling to the apparently desired pitch. The barnacles showed above the water, and the gulls would reach over and pick them as they came above the surface, all the time keeping the log rolling. It was a pretty hungry flock of gulls to pick at barnacles, but they wanted something to eat, and evidently they knew how to get it.

NEW RELIGIOUS PROPOSITION.

The Spire of the Church Doesn't Always Point to Heaven.

Andrew Wallace is one of the oldest and best-known residents of this city. Many years ago he was president of the state benevolent boards. It was while he was occupying that position that the late Dr. McIntire, superintendent of the Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, asked the

board to furnish a telescope and some other scientific instruments for the use of that school. The doctor was a strict member of the Presbyterian church, and orthodox all the way through. Mr. Wallace was a Universalist. "Doctor," said the latter, "you are an educated man and I am not. I want to ask you a question or two. Do you really think this world we inhabit is round and revolves on its axis once in every twenty-four hours?"

"Certainly," replied the doctor. "And you believe there is a heaven and another place?"

"Assuredly."

"And that heaven is above us?"

"Yes."

"And the other place below us?"

"Yes."

"And the world turns over once every twenty-four hours?"

"Yes."

"Well, doctor, if that's the case doesn't it occur to you that the spire of your meeting house points to hedges about half the time?"

The good doctor had no reply. Mr. Wallace was so well pleased with having vanquished him that the order for the desired instruments was given without delay.—Indianapolis Journal.

A HUMAN FERRET.

He is an Expressman by Day and Ratcatcher by Night.

"There lives a man in our town" who is responsible for the death of many rats, says the Kansas City Times. By day he follows his humble calling as an expressman, and does not give evidence in actions or appearance of his sanguinary disposition.

With the approach of night he becomes a different man. While by day he is Dr. Jekyll to the innumerable colonies of rats, at night he is to them a Mr. Hyde.

Night after night, regardless of the weather, he saunters forth with four assistant terriers, each of whom is a battle-scarred midnight hero of back alleys. From 8 o'clock until after 12 he walks up and down the alleys in the business section of the city and gives up his being to the joyful contemplation of his rat-killers at work.

When he sees four black shadows cut swiftly through the darkness and hears the dying squeak he knows that his self-imposed mission has been forwarded somewhat to success. Inasmuch as he has been killing rats in this fashion for several years, it may readily be seen that his record is up in the thousands. He is a tall, powerfully built man of middle age, and habitually wears a faded black cap, the visor of which he pulls down quite over his blue eyes.

He takes as much pride in his employment in his work as his four assistants do in the aggregate, and vows that he will keep it up until he has killed 100,000 of the rodents.

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FACTS FOR FARMERS.

THE FARMER MAY PROFIT BY THESE SUGGESTIONS.

How to Make a Hot Bed—A New Clover Truth—Testing Grass and Clover Seed—A Calf Feeding Experiment.

How to Make a Hot Bed.

A correspondent to the Kansas Farmer says that to make a hot bed, it is best to excavate a place to the depth of one spade, and the size of the bed, which is usually six by twelve feet. Haul fresh horse manure, that which has never went through fermentation, or been rained on; unload beside the intended bed, making a compost heap. In a few days it will show fermentation, then make the bed, by scattering the manure evenly in the pit and tramping it very compact, to the depth of 12 to 18 inches; then make a frame of good boards, let the front or south board be 12 inches wide, and the back or north board 14 inches. This will give the sash about the right pitch. By using 12-foot timber and six feet for the ends, three sashes four feet wide will just cover it. After the frame is put on square, put in about six or eight inches of good garden soil. With this should be mixed some old and rotten manure, so it will not bake; put on the sash and examine in a few days as to the amount of heat. After the most violent heat has passed off, and the temperature has gone to about 90 degrees, then it is ready for planting. If radishes and lettuce are to be planted frequent airing on warm days is necessary. Tomatoes, peppers and egg plants need more heat. Cabbage needs about the same treatment as lettuce. Watering must be attended to whenever the soil appears to be getting dry, but the most attention should be given to airing to prevent the plants from drawing up and getting shaky or spindling. At the approach of night, the beds must be covered with boards or straw, or the cold will penetrate through the glass and kill the plants.

A New Clover Truth.

There are some things, we believe, about clover, says the Homestead, that we have never yet published because we have not practically demonstrated their truth on our farms. For example a farmer from northwestern Iowa was in the office a short time since complaining that although his clover did well on new lands for a few weeks, it finally died out as if starved. We asked him if he had any spot on his farm where clover succeeded and he replied that it had grown luxuriantly in his orchard for 10 years. We advised him to resow his field next March as soon as the ground was dry, plow up a corner of his orchard, harrow it fine and sow part of his field with this fine dirt as if he was sowing it to oats, but to do this purely as an experiment. We did not know then that this had ever been tried, but inferred it from some European experiments. Since that we find that the question of sowing the microbe has been made the subject of exhaustive experiments in Germany, and with the most complete success. It has been there demonstrated that while clover will grow without the microbe it will grow only on lands that have great superabundance of nitrogen; that under these circumstances it will not form tubercles on the roots, while it will grow equally well on poor land, provided the microbe is sown either with clover soil or with water that has been through clover soil. If, however, the water is cold it will not grow. Suppose we had made this statement a year ago, it would have been considered, by sensible farmers, as cranky to an extreme, and yet it would have only stated what is now a demonstrated scientific act.

Testing Grass and Clover Seed.

It is well to test grass and clover seed, not only to determine if the vitality of the seed is impaired, but also to ascertain if it is adulterated with seeds of weeds or noxious grasses. Testing should never be neglected, for it is the seed not suspected that does the harm. Select a number of seeds large enough to make the test a test—at least 100. Count carefully. Place the seeds between woolen cloths moistened with tepid water. The cloths should be boiled after they are used, and the plate or pan in which they are laid should be scalded to avoid the growth of fungi or mould. For the same reason, only recently boiled water should be used for moistening the cloths. At least two cloths should be laid upon the plate. Then the seed is distributed over them, and covered with another cloth. If the reader can cover the plate with glass, he should do so, as this will retard evaporation and protect the cloths from floating germs. Under these conditions and a temperature of 70 to 80 degrees Fahr., good seed will germinate within 10 days. Seeds of little vitality may germinate after ten days, but they should not be counted in the test, as they would probably fail to germinate under field conditions. Seeds should not be used when more than 10 per cent fail to germinate, if better seed can be procured in time for testing and sowing.—American Agriculturist.

The Use of Fertilizers.

If a proper rotation is pursued ordinary farm crops can be grown indefinitely where only mineral fertilizers, chiefly phosphate, are applied directly to the soil. This rotation includes frequent applications of clover as green manure. It has been tried on land rich in mineral plant food for many years without decreasing the crop of grain. It would not do for growing corn, potatoes or garden vegetables. In all of these clover alone is too slow a manure, but for wheat on land rich in phosphate the biennial clover crop has been found sufficient.

A Calf Feeding Experiment.

An experiment at the Iowa Experiment Station indicated that a ration of skim milk and ground flax seed compares favorably with a new milk ration for young calves. The larger gain came from the whole milk but a part of it was partly due to the individuality of the calves and good results and a thrifty growth were made on skim milk and ground flax seed. The skim milk calves were interrupted less in their growth by weaning than the whole milk calves. A saving in value of butter fat alone of \$1.11 per month on each calf was effected by substituting the ground flax seed. The cost of producing a pound of gain (estimating new milk at eighty-seven and a half cents per hundred pounds and skim milk at fifteen cents per hundred pounds, grain one cent per pound, hay five dollars per ton, and flax seed meal three and a half cents per pound) was 7.6 cents for the fresh milk ration and five cents for the skim milk ration.

We Have Seen

A young man sell a good farm, turn merchant, break and die insolvent.

A farmer spend so much time in town that there was nothing at home worth looking after.

A worthy farmer's son idle away the prime of his life in dissipation and end his career in poverty.

A farmer too self-conceited to mend his way and too obstinate to mend his footsteps.

A poor boy grow rich by industry and good management, and a rich boy grow poor by idleness and dissipation.

A man spend more money in folly than would support his family in comfort and independence.

A farmer deliver a fine oration at the agricultural fair with his fence all down, fields overgrown with weeds, stock foraging on a neighbor's field and his taxes unpaid.—Indiana Farmer.

Corn Fodder.

We cut our corn fodder and find by so doing that it makes an excellent ration for dairy cows, says a writer in the National Stockman. We cure in the field. When dry it should be carefully housed. The old method of inviting dairy cows to dine on mud, snow and water with a little sprinkling of corn fodder, well tramped down and thoroughly mixed, is an insult to the brute creation. In cutting our fodder we usually use steam power. We have frequently cut by hand when steam has not been available, and we think it pays. It has been our practice to cut our feed for the past seven years, and we have reason to know that we save from one-third to one-half our feed. Feed is embodied cash and it is a farmer's mission to "grind it out."

How to Make Lambs Grow.

Ground oats, placed in a pen where the lambs can feed at a trough which the sheep cannot reach, with a liberal supply of milk from the ewes, will make lambs grow rapidly, and if they gain as they should they will reach the market a month sooner than if they depended on the ewes alone, and as this gain in time is an important point to keep in view for the high prices, every inducement should be made to keep the lambs feeding and growing, but the gain will not be rapid unless the lambs are well bred, nor will grades equal the pure breeds. The heaviest grades made have been with Oxfords and Shropshires. The main point to observe with the ewe is that of providing plenty of milk for her lamb.—Home and Farm.

Farm Hints.

Reports of accounts kept with hens show that from 10 to 12 dozen eggs per annum is about the limit of a hen.

The age of sheep can be told by its teeth. At one year it has two large teeth in the center of the jaw, and two more appear each year until the animal is five years old. After this the age of the sheep cannot be definitely decided.

If the sheep appear to have taken cold and run at the nose, separate them from the others, give them warmer quarters, warm clean and well ventilated, and a warm bran mash daily and they will soon forget the catarrh.

A noted potato grower of Chippewa county, Wis., says he can raise potatoes at a cost of six cents a bushel. Another man whose crops were double, raised them at a cost of 13 cents a bushel, growing 400 bushels on an acre, at a profit of \$100 per acre.

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