

CHECKERS ON THE FARM.

The checkerboard is all worn out from use each winter night. The checkers have become begrimed, which once they were shining bright. But still the game goes straightly on. Although the squares are black, White Cynthy peeps up. Reuben's mien or Reuben captures her.

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PAINTINGS THAT HAVE DONE THE WORK OF DETECTIVES. Instances Where the Canvas of an Artist Has Led to the Confession of a Criminal—A Portrait and a Stolen Diamond Pendant.

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New Demonstration of the Circulation of the Vital Fluid. A scientific contrivance, very novel and curious, has been acquired by the United States bureau of education, and some of the things it does are extremely interesting. It proves the correctness of the theory that the blood flows to the brain when one thinks hard, and it also demonstrates the fact that the vital fluid flows out of the head and toward the feet when one is asleep.

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One Man's Method of Going Fishing With His Wife. There is about as much sport in catching the big sunfish as in lifting out the crapple. If you can get the former in one of its savage moods, Piker is a great grafter on sunfish. He has got a dozen different kinds of bait, but he says that it is all nonsense to trouble about digging worms. He declares that beef run through a hamburger steak grinder is just the proper caper for the sunfish at Crove Creek lake. The tougher the beef the better, as it will cut in long strips like angle-worms.

A TRAIN ROBBERING MYSTERY.

The Epidemic is Over, but the Railroad Men Don't Know Why. "Maybe you have noticed," said the western railroad manager east on a little business trip, "that the epidemic of train robbing that broke out in Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming about a year ago is over. Maybe, too, you think that it is because the railroad companies ran the guilty fellows to earth and sent them up for long terms. But they didn't."

English Pet Names.

Lord Raglan is known to his intimates as Chalks, Lord William Cecil Lord Salisbury's veryman son, is known as Fish, Lord Edward Cecil is Niggs and Lord Hugh is known as Linky Lord Chesham, before he succeeded to the title, was called Paddy Cavendish. Mr. Schomburgk McDonnell, brother to Lord Antrim, is known as Pom and Mr. Alexander McDonnell as the Fox. Sir Charles Hartopp is Tops. Major Alfred Duncombe, husband of Lady Florence Duncombe and owner of Calwich abbey, is known to his friends as the Dodger. Captain Stewart is always called Bimbush, and Mr. Algeron Turner, late financial secretary to the postoffice, is called by his intimate friends Wiggy Turner.

Fields of Salt.

At Salton, in southern California, extends every three miles to about 1,000 acres of the depressed area are covered with a deposit of salt, which C. F. Holden describes in The Scientific American as one of the sights of California. The salt is first thrown into ridges by a peculiarly shaped plow, drawn by a dummy engine with cables, and then is piled into conical heaps before being carried to the drying house and crushing mill. The expanse looks like a field of snow. About 2,000 tons of salt are removed each year, but the supply is perennially renewed by the deposits of salt springs which flow into the basin. In June the temperature of the air reaches 150 degrees, and only Indian workmen can withstand the heat and glare.

Tiger's Make Believe Eyes.

Mr. Beddard of the London Zoological society calls attention to a peculiarity of the ears of tigers which he thinks may be classed under the head of "protective markings." On the back of each ear is a very bright white spot, and when the ears are directed forward these spots are conspicuous from the front. Mr. Beddard suggests that when the tiger is sleeping in the dim light of a cave or thicket the spots on its ears may appear to an enemy, looking in, as the gleam of its watchful eyes, and thus save the sleeper from an unexpected attack.

The Wisdom of Experience.

When I was 20, I thought I was 40; when I was 30, I thought I was 50; when I was 40, I thought I was 60; and when I was 50, I thought I was 70. I was wrong in all these things, but I was right in one thing, I was getting on in years. W. W. Goodwin, Retiring Harvard Professor, at a Dinner in His Honor.

Four Good Habits.

There are four good habits—punctuality, accuracy, steadiness and dispatch. Without the first of these time is wasted; without the second mistakes are made; without the third nothing can be well done, and without the fourth opportunities of great advantage are lost which it is impossible to recall.

It is a curious fact that mayonnaise dressing will disagree with delicate people, whereas the same ingredients put together without an egg (French dressing) will be easily digested.

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The American Cultivator says that the original Greening apple tree is still standing on the farm of Solomon Drowne at Mount Hygeia, in North Foster, R. I. The tree was a very old one when the farm was sold in 1801. The seller informed the purchaser that it was a pity the old tree was going to decay, as it produced the best fruit of any tree in the orchard. The purchaser