

BABY'S PAPA HERBERT.

[Chicago Mail.] "Then you won't go Alice?" "No, Herbert—I am so sorry—but the baby!"

"Oh, hang the baby!" and Herbert flung out of the room slamming the door behind him. Alice stood looking at the door; growing whiter and whiter.

"How the dickens came she here?" he muttered to himself as he led his partner absent to the seat, dead to all her pretty words, blind to her fascinations.

"I certainly is Alice—but that dress—the prettiest thing here—And I left her quite determined not to come. I don't understand it. Dancing with that puppy, Gaius, too. She knows I hate him."

With these amiable thoughts, he laid himself out to gain the attention of his wife and make her explain. It was some time before he had a chance, so he was obliged to content himself with following her graceful motion, angry with himself and with her.

"Alice! Can I believe my eyes!" he said at last in the pause of the dance.

INGERSOLL ON ALCOHOL.

The following beautiful language is an extract from a legal speech made by Colonel Robert Ingersoll: "I am aware there is a prejudice against any man engaged in the manufacture of alcohol. I believe from the time it issues from the distillery mill it empties into the hell of death, dishonor and crime, that it is demoralizing to everybody that touches it, from the source to where it ends. I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without being prejudiced against the crime. All we have to do is to think of the wrecks on either side of the stream of death, of the suicides, of the insanity, of the poverty, of the destruction, of the little children tugging at the breast of the weak and despairing wives asking for bread, of men of genius it has wrecked, the men struggling with imaginary serpents produced by this devilish thing; and when you think of the jails, of the almshouses, of the asylums, of the prisons, of the scaffolds on either hand, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against this vile stuff called alcohol. Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness."

"It breaks the father's heart, re-creates the dotting mother, extinguishes natural affection, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachments, blights parental hope and brings premature grief in sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life. It makes wives and friends, children orphans, fathers widows, and pampers. It feeds rickety, nervous, cold, and cholera, pestilence, and embraces consumption. It covers the land with misery, idleness and crime. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels, and cherishes riot. It crowds our penitentiaries and furnishes victims for our her shelters, while the little fellow in her lap clutched at one, shining, curl, crowned and laughed as well as he could for aunt's smothering kisses."

A sudden revulsion of feeling came to the father's heart at the sight of the sweet home picture. Six months after that time Alice was dressed for a party. But this time the party was to be given in her own house, and in honor of Mabel's marriage. Even the bride did not look lovelier, for nothing now ever occurred to mar Alice's happiness, and happiness, after all, is the best preservative of beauty.

That famous Brunswick stew. From time almost out of mind the old families of Virginia have been accustomed to serve up their friends a stew known as the "Brunswick stew." It has long been a question in dispute as to the origin of this "stew." The true history of it is about as follows: During the war of 1812 there was a man named James Matthews, who was a soldier in that war. He was from the red oak neighborhood in Brunswick county, Va. He was also a squirrel hunter, and it was his way of cooking the squirrel which gained him much popularity and eclat with the ladies.

His mode of cooking a squirrel was quite simple, as follows: After dressing it nicely, the squirrel was set to cooking early in the morning, so that it might be ready for a 2 o'clock dinner. It was kept stewing continually, water being added to supply evaporation, until it was so thoroughly done that the flesh would separate from the bones, which were taken out and the stew seasoned to the taste, not having any vegetables whatever in it. This was the first Brunswick stew, of 1816, and continued to be until 1830—33, when the tomato had become known as a most excellent vegetable. About this time a man by the name of Ned Smith, (from the same county) conceived the idea of improving "Matthew's stew" by the addition of the tomato, onion, corn, potatoes, muddling fresh butter and light bread.

The original receipts for making this "stew," after the tomato was known to be a most excellent article of food, is as follows: Take one squirrel, fresh and nice, a half pound of middling, cut thin and with skin off, and water in sufficient quantity. Put on at 8 o'clock to cook for five hours, when the flesh will leave the bones of the squirrel, which should be taken out. Now add one quart of tomatoes (peeled) one small onion, one-half pound of butter, (fresh), one good size Irish potato, two ears of corn, with the grains split down each row before cutting from the cob. Then a sufficient quantity of sweet light bread should be added with the tomatoes just one hour before dinner. Now, season to the taste with both black and red pepper, and you have the genuine Brunswick squirrel stew.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

MARYLAND RACERS AND TROTTERS. An interesting article on Maryland blooded horses was published in The Sun a day or two ago. There are several well-known breeders of race horses in the State, the most prominent among whom is ex-Governor Bowie. Many others have been quite successful on the turf for short distances, and, as the article in question states, "the racing season now drawing to a close has afforded the admirers of horses particularly good sport," but that "while the races of thoroughbreds in Maryland have been up to the standard, the races for trotting horses have been superior to those of previous seasons." The truth is, that although in earlier days of the turf Virginia took the lead of all competitors and Maryland was not far behind, the superiority for long distance racing stock has passed over in these latter days to Kentucky. That greater attention should now be given in Maryland to trotters is natural for there is a more extensive demand for them than ever before, and the speed of them, by judicious breeding and training, and perhaps, though not always the case, by an infusion of the blood of thoroughbreds, has been wonderfully increased. The market for last trotters is, therefore, always a good one, and whenever a trotter turns up that is equal to those owned by the late Mr. Vanderbilt or Mr. Robert Bonner, the sum he will fetch amounts to a considerable fortune to the lucky owner. It is, therefore, worth while for farmers to breed occasionally from good trotting stock, and to take some pains in training likely colts, as it costs no more to raise them than those of inferior quality. Some one of these colts may develop a speed equal to the best, and thus obtain the very highest fancy price. Many others may be able to trot in or somewhat below 2:30, and thus command a good round sum, while others, outside of competing points, will make good roadsters. There is good reason consequently in the managers of our county fairs encouraging trotting matches, for apart from the pleasure felt in them by visitors there is a material interest connected with such races. They give publicity to the qualities of local trotters, and enable men who are experts to judge of the present value of the best of them, and of what their prospective value might be when subjected to further judicious training and careful handling. That there is money to be made in raising good trotters is evident from the increased number of trotting tracks built in Maryland during the season, and the efforts made in some of the counties of the State "to have the driving roads put in good condition for training and speeding." There is another matter referred to in the article which we have based these remarks which is altogether worth noticing in this connection. It is that "the roads around Baltimore city do not afford much facility for speeding horses, nor, in fact, for ordinary driving, or even for the proper enjoyment of carriage riding." The truth of this everybody knows who has had occasion to pass over our suburban highways. Now, while it would be seriously objectionable to make trotting tracks of these highways, and while it is very truly said in behalf of better roads that more toll would be taken at the tollgates—toll which the country commissioners have nothing to do—and while it is also quite true that "pleasure drivers on them would as a rule spend money in the country, in the way of refreshments, a part of which would go to pay an internal revenue tax," the really strong ground to be taken is that the county roads ought to be put in the best condition, not simply to encourage trotting or pleasure driving, or for the comfort of those who ride in carriages, but because good roads are essentially necessary to facilitate travel and traffic to and from the city, and because every mile of good road adds to the value of property within easy distance of both sides of it, and while thus of benefit to the owners of such property, increases the taxable basis.—Baltimore Sun.

Fresh Eggs the Year Round. To have fresh eggs the year round, keep hens that will lay them fresh every day. To prevent fresh eggs from spoiling on your hands, eat them or sell to some one else. We make no extra charge for these two valuable hints. The usual inquiries about preserving eggs for several months have arrived with the return of summer. In answer, we have, as usual, to say that we know no art by means of which eggs can be made to retain the freshness of their youth for six months or more, nor do we know of any method of rejuvenating them after they have reached their dotage. It has been proved that eggs will keep in fair condition two or three months, simply packed in salt, or in dry, sifted coal ashes. The common method of keeping in lime water is probably as good as any. The formula is two pounds of lime, one pint of salt, and four gallons of water.—Shake the lime in hot water. Put in only fresh eggs, and keep them covered with the liquid. Eggs thus packed and placed in cold storage, when the temperature is between 35 deg. and 40 deg., will probably come out in edible condition six months later; but they will not be fresh eggs, and it will be prudent to make use of them soon after they are taken from the pickle.—Farm Journal.

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A FATAL MISTAKE. The Cleveland (Ohio) Press, of February 23d, 1883, published an account of a fatal surgical operation which caused a great commotion among medical men throughout the whole country, Dr. Thayer, the most eminent surgeon in Cleveland, pronouncing it scandalous. It appears that a Mrs. King had been suffering for many years from some disease of the stomach, which had resisted the treatment of all the physicians in attendance. The disease commenced with a slight derangement of the digestion, with a poor appetite, followed by a peculiar indescribable distress in the stomach, a feeling that has been described as a faint "fall gone" sensation, a sticky slime collecting about the teeth, causing a disagreeable taste. This sensation was not removed by food, but, on the contrary, it was increased. After a while the hands and feet became cold and sticky—a cold perspiration. There was a constant tired and languid feeling. Then followed a dreadful nervousness, with gloomy forebodings. Finally the patient was unable to retain any food whatever, and there was constant pain in the abdomen. All possible remedies failing to give relief, a consultation was held, when it was decided that the patient had a cancer in the stomach, and in order to save the patient's life an operation was justifiable. Accordingly, on the 22d of February, 1883, the operation was performed by Dr. Tuckerman, Dr. Perrier, Dr. Arms, Dr. Gordon, Dr. Capner, and Dr. Halliwell of the Police Board. The operation consisted in laying open the cavity of the abdomen and exposing the stomach and bowels. When this had been done an examination of the organs was made, but to the horror and dismay of the doctors there was no cancer to be found. A patient did not have a cancer. When too late the medical men discovered that they had made a terrible mistake; but they sewed the parts together and dressed the wound that they had made, but the poor woman sank from exhaustion and died in a few hours. How sad it must be for the husband of this poor woman to know that his wife died from the effects of a surgical operation that ought never to have been performed. If this woman had taken the proper remedy for Dyspepsia and Nervous Prostration (for this was what the disease really was), she would have been living to-day. FRANK'S EXTRACT OF ROOTS, or STARCH CURETIVE SYRUP, a remedy made expressly for Dyspepsia or Indigestion, has saved many such cases to perfect health after all other kinds of treatment have failed. The evidence of its efficacy in curing this class of cases is too voluminous to be published here; but those who read the published evidence in favor of this dyspeptic remedy do not question its convincing nature, and the article has an extensive sale.

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Women and Sleeping-Car Porters. Interview with New York Central Porter. I have been on the road for fifty-two years and I know of only two ladies who ever offered to pay the porter for his trouble. They are from Chicago and are sisters of a young man who travels frequently over my run. The family is all alike, and I have yet to find one of them who ever carried more than a small gripack, not too large to be carried easily in the hand. There is some pleasure for a porter to meet folks like those, especially when the three of them come in together. I like their free and independent style, as they never want any attendance, and the young ladies, before retiring, hand me their bottles of patent polish, so that I won't spoil their shoes with cheap blacking. In the morning they stand up to be brushed, and the two girls drop me a quarter-piece. They always consider the porter, and New York run, on an extra, and they passed out four bits when half the men in the car who rode through for Chicago only gave the regular one-eight bit of a quarter. I guess they got the habit from their brother; but anyway I sha'n't forget them, as they are the only two women in the United States who ever remembered the porter.

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