

came back to the smoking window, and he was gone again for the last one. Flames and smoke were shooting through the room and forked tongues were licking the window when they saw him crawl back with the baby. Safely he dropped it into the father's arms, and then the flames crackled on and revealed and hissed in mocking triumph, and in ashes and ruin the farmhouse crumbled away, but the old tramp never came out again. A few bones were found in the ruins and an old shoe in the front yard, but in that grand day when heroes rise up from moldering dust he will not need the old shoe that he lost in the swamp nor the one he left in the farmyard.—Joel Sloper in *New York Mercury*.

## CARE OF CARRIAGES.

Advice that May Be Valuable to Those Who Possess Them.

Carrriages should be kept in an airy, dry coachhouse. There should be a moderate amount of light, otherwise the colors will be affected. The windows should be curtained to avoid having direct sunshine strike upon a carriage.

There should be no communication between the stable and the coachhouse. The manure heap or pit should also be located as far away from the carriage house as possible. Ammonia fumes crack and destroy varnish and fade the colors both of painting and lining. Also, avoid having a carriage stand near a brick wall, as the dampness from the wall will fade the colors and destroy the varnish.

Whenever a carriage stands unused for several days, it should be protected by a large cotton cover sufficiently strong to keep off the dust, without altogether excluding the light. Dust, when allowed to settle on a carriage, eats into the varnished. Care should be taken to keep this cover dry.

When a carriage is new or newly varnished, it is better for it to stand a few days and to be frequently washed and well dried off before being used; frequent washings with cold water and exposure to fresh air in the shade will also help to harden and brighten its finish. Never allow mud to remain long enough upon a newly varnished carriage to dry upon it, or spots and stains will invariably result.

While washing a carriage, keep it out of the sun. Use plenty of water, taking great care that it is not driven into the body to the injury of the lining. Use for the body panels a large, soft sponge; when saturated, squeeze this over the panels, and by the flowing down of the water, dirt will soften and harmlessly run off. Care should be taken to wipe the surface quite dry with chamois leather after each washing.

The directions just given for washing the body apply as well to the under parts and wheels, but use for the latter a different sponge and chamois than those used on the body. Never use a "spoke brush," which, in conjunction with the grit from the road, would act like sandpaper on the varnish, scratching it, and of course removing the gloss.

Never allow water to dry of itself on a carriage, as it will invariably leave stains. Hot water or soap should never be used in washing a varnished surface.

Enameled leather tops and aprons should be washed with very weak soap and water. No oil should be put on enameled leather.

To prevent or destroy moths in woolen linings, use turpentine and camphor. In the case of a close carriage, the simple evaporation from the mixture, when placed in a saucer (the glass being closed), will be found a certain cure.

Inspect the entire carriage occasionally, and whenever a bolt or a clip appears to be getting loose tighten it up with a wrench, and always have little repairs done at once. Should the tires of the wheels get at all slack, so that the joints of the felloes become visible, have them immediately contracted, or the wheels may be permanently injured.

"A stitch in time saves nine." Examine the axles frequently; keep them well oiled and see that the washers are in good order. Pure sperm oil is considered the best for lubricating purposes. Castor oil will answer, but never use sweet oil, as it will gum up. Leather top carriages should never remain long in the carriage house with the top down. After raising the top, "break" the joints slightly to take the strain on the webstay and leather. Aprons of every kind should be frequently unfolded, or they will soon spoil.

## RAM'S HORN WRINKLES.

There is no Gospel in a kick. Law wears iron shoes and never cares where it steps.

Washing a pig will not take from him the love of mud.

There is more power in gentleness than there is in dynamite.

It would demoralize heaven for the angels to go in company that some church members consider good.

The devil hates the prayer-meeting, but it is seldom that he has much fault to find with the choir.

The man who inspects the car wheels is as necessary to the safety of the traveler as the president of the road.

No matter whether he has been to college or not, the man who can keep sweet when things go wrong is a man of power.

## Where Young Women Are Scarce.

Our bachelor friends complain to us of a scarcity of young ladies throughout the country, says the Chase County (Nebr.) Champion. This should not be so, as we could readily name a half hundred eligible young bachelors in the valley, many with homes and farms of their own and their lives insured, and we certainly think the search has not been a diligent one, and the complaint is without grounds. However, console yourselves, gentlemen, as we understand a train load or two will be in from the East in a few days.

## CHEAPER ALUMINIUM.

Process Which Is Reducing the Cost of this Valuable Metal.

The decision which was given by the courts in favor of the Hall patents for the production of the aluminium renders a description of this most important process of special interest. It is believed to be the method of the future for the production of this valuable metal. By the employment of the process the prices of pure aluminium have been reduced from \$15 per pound to fifty cents per pound, at which price it is, bulk for bulk, about as inexpensive as copper and cheaper than nickel or tin. Working on a large scale it is estimated that the cost of making pure aluminium can be brought down to perhaps seventeen cents a pound.

The process consists in reducing the oxide of aluminium by dissolving it in a fused bath consisting of a fluoride of aluminium, together with a fluoride of some other metal more electro-positive than aluminium, and precipitating the metallic aluminium from this ore by electrolysis. The fused fluoride bath referred to remains practically constant, and, therefore, costs but little. The ore is simply dumped into this bath, and upon dissolving the metal is immediately electrolyzed out by the current at a negative pole and falls to the bottom of the pots. The latter are then either tapped or ladeled out without disturbing the operation of the process, which is therefore continuous and the purity of the metal thus obtained is higher than has ever been attained by any other process.

## Wild Career of a Bogus Chicago Ham.

Some small boy fastened a wire to one of these wooden hams which are used for advertising purposes, and to the other end of the wire attached a lot of fishhooks into the Madison street cable slot at Madison street, near Halstead, yesterday afternoon. The hooks quickly took hold of the running cable and sped the ham toward the setting sun.

At Green street it struck and tossed into the mud handsomely dressed Jim De Meyer, the wine connoisseur. At Loomis street it struck an Italian's handcart laden with fresh roasted peanuts and popcorn and scattered the load over the road. The ham journeyed right on, leaving the son of Italy and the street news boys to fight over the peanuts and popcorn. A bicycle rider was upset at London street and slightly injured by colliding with the flying imitation pork. As the frayed edged ham danced along near Western avenue it caught the eye of a near-sighted saloonkeeper.

"What a nice addition," muttered he, "to my free lunch counter." He grabbed a board, threw himself into position like a grand-stand ball player as he comes to bat, and as the ham approached him he swiped it about amidship, broke the wire and acquired the ham. The New Year's day loafers who, clad in their best clothes stood lazily smoking cigars on the sidewalk, gently led the ham-grabbing saloonkeeper in his saloon near by. The drinks came from behind the bar without any one calling for them.

## A Cougar Terrorizes a Dancing Party.

Last Thursday night as a party of young folks was going home from a dance they were suddenly startled by a terrible scream, and the next instant a cougar leaped from a tree and landed in their midst, causing a great excitement. They then ran through the brush and over logs to Mr. Montrey's house, where it was found that Tommy White was missing. A search was at once instituted and he was found in an unconscious condition with the cougar standing over him. The animal was finally beaten off with clubs by C. Thompson and Joe Brewster. While in the meantime had regained his senses and proved to be uninjured, though badly frightened. They then went back to the house followed by the cougar. It stayed around the house until daylight, uttering the most blood-curdling yells and springing against the house, where the huge muddy footprints could be seen the next day. No damage was done beyond a bad fright and clothes torn from crawling under logs, but Thompson got a severe scratch on the face during his brave fight.—*Whatcom Reveller*.

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