

MISCELLANEOUS.

PETER AND HIS WIFE.

From the Norwegian.

Peter the Greybeard was self-willed, impetuous, passionate, and had no more patience than a dog when you snatch away his bone, or a cat when you are trying to strangle her.

It was a good fortune for Peter to have such a spouse. Without her, he would have known that patience is not the merit of fools?

"Good heavens!" Peter, you talk away at a fine rate. Would you like to change places? You-stay at home and play housekeeper. Then, we'll see if we will have the hardest task and come out of it.

"Agreed!" thundered Peter. "You'll have a chance to find out, once for all, what a poor husband has to suffer. The trial will teach you a lesson of respect—something you greatly need."

Now, who felt not a little surprised and a little foolish, too, to find himself shut up in a little house after fifteen hours of hard work, in a one-day holiday, and to find himself beaten, but fell to work churning butter as though he had never done anything else all the days of his life.

One had taken to get overheated when he worked on a new trade, and Peter, soon feeling very thirsty, went down into the cellar to draw a mug of beer from the cask. He had just knocked out the bung and was applying the spigot, when he heard ominous creaking and grunting overhead. It was the sow, devastating the kitchen.

"Oh, heavens! my butter's lost!" yelled Peter the Greybeard, and he dashed pell-mell up the steps, with spigot in hand. What a spectacle was there: the churn upset, and the cream spilt all over the floor, and the huge sow fairly wallowing in the rich and savory tide.

Now, even a wise cow would have the stable and all patience. As for Peter, he rushed upon the brute, who, with piercing screams, strove to escape; but it was a hapless day to the thief, for his master caught her in the doorway and smelt her so well applied, and there found cream on the skull with the spigot that the sow fell dead on the spot.

As he drew back his novel weapon, now covered with blood, he was aware that he had not closed the bung-hole of the cask. So down he rushed again to the cellar. Fortunately, the beer had not dropped to run, but then was because not a drop remained in the cask.

He had now to begin his mowing of her again, and churn some more butter if he expected to see any dinner that day. So Peter visited the dairy-house, and there found cream to replace what he had just lost. At it he goes again, and churns more vigorously than ever. But in the midst of his churning, he remembers—a little late, to be sure, but better late than never—that the cow would have the stable, and that she neither had food nor water, although the sun now was high above the horizon.

"Away by runs, then, to the stable. But experience has made a wiser cow than Peter. I've my little child there, rolling on the back. Now if I leave the churn, the greedy scamp may turn it over, and something worse might easily happen to my absence!"

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THE MARKETS.

Portland Wholesale Prices Current.

Expressly corrected for the Press to October 22.

Additional duty of 10 per cent on all goods imported from the place of production of the goods.

Wheat No. 1, 1.15; No. 2, 1.10; No. 3, 1.05; No. 4, 1.00; No. 5, 0.95; No. 6, 0.90; No. 7, 0.85; No. 8, 0.80; No. 9, 0.75; No. 10, 0.70; No. 11, 0.65; No. 12, 0.60; No. 13, 0.55; No. 14, 0.50; No. 15, 0.45; No. 16, 0.40; No. 17, 0.35; No. 18, 0.30; No. 19, 0.25; No. 20, 0.20; No. 21, 0.15; No. 22, 0.10; No. 23, 0.05; No. 24, 0.00.

Barley, 1.00; Oats, 0.80; Rye, 0.90; Corn, 0.70; Beans, 0.60; Peas, 0.50; Lentils, 0.40; Potatoes, 0.30; Apples, 0.20; Pears, 0.15; Grapes, 0.10; Figs, 0.05; Dates, 0.00.

Flour, 1.20; Meal, 1.10; Bran, 0.80; Shorts, 0.70; Middlings, 0.60; Steep, 0.50; Groats, 0.40; Hulls, 0.30; Chaff, 0.20; Straw, 0.10; Hay, 0.05; Sticks, 0.00.

Wool, 1.50; Hides, 1.00; Skins, 0.80; Bones, 0.60; Horns, 0.50; Tails, 0.40; Hooves, 0.30; Manure, 0.20; Compost, 0.10; Lime, 0.05; Cement, 0.00.

Iron, 1.00; Steel, 0.90; Copper, 0.80; Brass, 0.70; Lead, 0.60; Zinc, 0.50; Tin, 0.40; Silver, 0.30; Gold, 0.20; Platinum, 0.10; Nickel, 0.05; Cobalt, 0.00.

Aluminum, 0.80; Magnesium, 0.70; Potassium, 0.60; Sodium, 0.50; Calcium, 0.40; Magnesium, 0.30; Barium, 0.20; Strontium, 0.10; Bismuth, 0.05; Antimony, 0.00.

Mercury, 0.80; Arsenic, 0.70; Phosphorus, 0.60; Sulfur, 0.50; Carbon, 0.40; Nitrogen, 0.30; Oxygen, 0.20; Hydrogen, 0.10; Chlorine, 0.05; Fluorine, 0.00.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

RAILROADS.

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SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

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Leave Portland for Bath and Augusta at 1:00 P. M., connecting at Brunswick with the Androscoggin Railroad for Lewiston, Livermore Falls, Wilton and Farmington.

Monday Morning and Saturday Evening Trains. On Monday trains leave Augusta at 8:30 A. M. and Bath at 9:30 A. M. for Portland, connecting with the 8:40 A. M. train for Lowell and Boston.

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