

The Farm and Fireside.

Two Babies. There is a little baby Always gentle, always sweet, Who doesn't lack a beauty...

There is a little baby With sunshine in her eyes; And many a fault the critical Might coldly criticize.

Young veal may be told by the bone in the cutlet. If it is very small the veal is not good.

A wineglass of strong borax water in a pint of raw starch will make collars and cuffs stiff and glossy.

If you wish to keep a sharp knife don't put it in hot grease; stir your potatoes while frying, or turn meat, with a fork or an old case knife kept on purpose.

Vegetables with a strong flavor, such as onions and turnips, will be much improved by putting them to boil in cold water, renewing this from a kettle of boiling water as soon as it comes to a scald.

Thick brown paper should be laid under carpets, if the patent lining is not to be had. It saves wear and prevents the inroads of moths, which, however, will seldom give trouble if salt is sprinkled around the edges when the carpet is laid.

Warm bread or cake may be cut without becoming moist and heavy, if the knife, a thin, sharp one, is dipped into boiling hot water, wiped quickly, and the bread cut immediately, before the knife has time to cool. A napkin should be laid double on the plate where the warm slices are laid.

A cement, said to be capable of use where resistance to the action of both water and heat is required, is composed by mixing ordinary glycerine with dry litharge, so as to constitute a tough paste. For uniting the joints of steam-pipes and other similar applications, this preparation is said to be very satisfactory.

Carpets in cold climates seem to be a necessary evil, but they should never be tacked to the floor. The latter should be parquetted, if means permit; if economy is necessary then the floor may be stained, and a large rug laid in the center with smaller ones lying around. These rugs should be aired and shaken frequently.

To make good soft soap: Put the contents of a box of good lye, three pounds of clear grease or its equivalent in kitchen scraps, and a pint of caudal turpentine or rosin, in a large pot, with two pails of cold water; let it come gradually to a boil, and keep up the same amount of water until it jellies. When done, put in another bucketful of water and boil a little longer, then pour out while it is hot. I have much better success in this way than by following the directions on the can.

Sheep Shearings. Ninety pounds is deemed a good weight for the average Texas sheep.

The greatest profit in feeding sheep for mutton is gained while the animals are young, says an exchange.

The early lamb will winter better, and shear from one to two pounds more wool, and will usually make a larger sheep.

A wool grower of 40 years experience in Michigan thinks that the farmer who fails to wash his sheep loses 25 cents on each fleece.

Stand by the sheep. A sheep comes up every six months and pays its bill; it does not die in debt, is the way the Live-Stock Record puts it.

It is claimed that wool washed after it has been clipped, and left for some time in its natural grease, combs better and makes more perfect cloth than if washed while on the sheep's body.

Wherever sheep feed, new sweet grasses flourish and weeds are destroyed, says a writer. If farmers fully appreciate how great a benefit sheep are to land they would raise more of them.

A few nice lambs kept about the yard will answer the purpose of a lawn mower, and will grow into money at the same time, says a writer. It is

an item to be able to get a market value out of the grass that is generally wasted around dwellings.

A New Yorker sold, last year, \$650 worth of wool and lambs from 118 sheep. A singular fact about his lambs is that they were sold in Chicago. They were shipped from the east end of Lake Ontario, within 250 miles of Boston.

Farm Items. High culture of fruits is recommended by a writer as the coming remedy for insect depredation, disease and frost killing.

Trees should always be set about as deep as they stand in the nursery, or two or three inches deeper, to allow for settling of the earth.

The woman who has a nice pile of dry wood and chips near at hand will ring the bell on time and wear a smile as she serves dinner.

Manure should never be placed in contact with the roots when setting out a tree, but used as a mulch or top-dressing.

There is no good reason why the best varieties and species of huckleberry should not be found growing in every garden where blackberries and raspberries are cultivated.

It is said that if a three-quarter inch hole is bored in apple trees affected with the "bitter-rot," and the same filled with saleratus and then plugged up, it will effectually remedy the evil.

The venerable D. D. T. Moore says culture, pruning and manuring are most important during the first few years of a young orchard, and the lack of them can never be atoned for by subsequent care.

Where weeds have grown up in the garden to such a height that they cannot be plowed or spaded under, cut them down and let them dry. After they have been well dried apply fire and burn the surface of the ground over, which can be done with but little risk if a close watch be kept over the fire as it progresses. The advantages will be that the appearance of the ground will be better, the ashes will serve as a fertilizer, the seeds of weeds prevented, and thousands of insects destroyed, as well as saving labor in the garden next season.

Make Your Homes Attractive. Mothers and fathers who have sons and daughters growing up do not always realize as they should the great necessity of making home not merely a place in which their children eat, sleep, and are clothed, but one in which they find positive happiness and enjoyment. In nine cases out of ten where you see a wild youth or a giddy girl, go to their homes, and you will find them cheerless, unattractive, or perhaps actually disagreeable.

The nature of youth is excessively restless; it has a longing for action and excitement, ambitions more or less vain, and always the irrepresible desire to know a broader life. Repress these natural instincts, and you will be sure to throw them into any society that in a measure will gratify their longings. Your sons do not go to the public bar-rooms as first for the taste of the liquor which they have not as yet acquired; they go for the gay companions they find there. The influence for good or evil that a mother has over her sons, the control that she exercises over their destinies, is a grave responsibility. Throw open your best room to the children in the evenings. Have books and a magazine or two, even if you put away less money. Stimulate their ambition, and invent occupations and amusement for your children. Give them games and endear yourself to them by sharing their joys and plays. Encourage them to be affectionate. Dot not with formal coldness starve them for want of caresses.—American Agriculturist.

The Banana as Food. According to one authority, one pound of bananas contains more nutriment than three pounds of meal or as many pounds of potatoes, while as food it is in every sense superior to the wheat bread. Although it grows spontaneously throughout the tropics, when cultivated its yield is prodigious, for an acre of ground planted with bananas will return as much food material as thirty-three acres of wheat or over one hundred acres of potatoes. It is not generally understood that bananas—fried, baked or roasted—are very appetizing, and that sliced and placed in a dish with alternate slices of orange they make a most delicious dessert.

Wit and Humor.

The Reason. The maiden stood beneath the tree. "He cometh not," she said. "I've waited long—Ah, woe is me! And youth and hope have fled." She said, "And youth and hope are dead!"

The sun's last rays shown through the grass. "He cometh—never more!" He did not come because—alas! He had been there before! No more! He had been there before!

Awaiting its turn—A buckwheat cake. The bent of many a man's inclination is crooked. Lame men have running expenses the same as other folks.

Nobody but doctors should attempt to do any work on an empty stomach. Shakespeare advised his readers to throw physic to the dogs. He is silent about cats.

A little up-town boy is so fond of whipped cream that he licks the dish. "Cashier is, sir?" "No, he's out."

"Well, how's the bank? Is it out, too?" Brown—So your girl's father showed you the door? Jones—He did.

B.—How did you feel over it? J.—Well, I felt put out. "I am so glad your sister enjoyed her visit to us, Mr. Smith." "Oh, well, you know, she is the sort of girl who can enjoy herself anywhere, you know."

He—My darling, you must be mine. I yearn for you every day. She—That's all right; but what I want to know is, will you earn for me every day after we are married?

When a Cincinnati husband was asked in court if he dragged his wife out of bed by the hair he said he couldn't really remember, as that was a very busy morning with him. Says a novelist of to-day, describing an interview between lovers: "Between them passed an ecstatic kiss." And neither of them got it! Aw, what nuffs they must have been.

Dentist—"Well, how do the new teeth work?" Patient—"Not very well. They seem to cut the others." Dentist—"That is perfectly natural. They belong to an entirely different set, you know."

The papers are devoting a good deal of space to the discussion of the umpire's position. As nearly as we have been able to discover, the umpire's position is always an erroneous one.

A tramp's notebook, picked up on the Essex road, contained, among other sage reflections, the following bit of wisdom: "It's a grate-eel better to have yure shins barked than bit."

Minister (dining with the family)—How did you like the sermon this morning, Bobby? Bobby—I didn't pay much attention to it, sir.

Minister (much amused)—Why not, Bobby? Bobby—I heard ma whisper to pa, "Same thing over and over again," so I didn't think it was worth while.

"Yes," said she, "I will accept your proposal this time, and we will be married before winter." "O, delight!" exclaimed he. "Your sudden change bewilders me."

"I know it must," continued the sweet thing, "but the fact is I have just learned that I didn't pass in my examination last spring, and rather than go back to the seminary and stand the disgrace of being put down I'll—I'll even marry you."

A very touching incident came to my knowledge a few days ago, and to show the power a good man or woman may have over those with whom they come in contact, even with the little children, I will relate it here.

An old clergyman, over eighty years of age, who had spent fifty years of his life in the parish of New England, met a little boy on the street who had never seen him before. "Good morning, my little child," he said, "what is your name?" As he spoke he laid his reverend hand upon the little fellow's head. The boy told his name, and the gentleman said: "Oh, I am so glad to see you! I hoped to meet you. I have been looking for you. I knew your dear mother, who is now in heaven." The child ran home, and entering the room, almost breathlessly exclaimed, "Oh, auntie, dear, I met an angel from heaven, and he knows my dear mamma up there, and stopped me on the street to tell me!" The long, silvery hair of the aged messenger of God, and his saintly face, with those kindly words spoken, made this beautiful impression upon the mind of the motherless child.

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