

ODDS AND ENDS.

Take the LEDGER.

A Western editor, in response to a subscriber who grumbles that his paper is intolerably damp, says it is "because there is so much due on it."

Mr. Jefferson Davis is in excellent health, and is prospering. He has just bought Mrs. Dorsey's handsome residence, "Beauvoir," near Mississippi City.

A rumor comes from Paris that bonnets are to be worn on the head hereafter. It strikes us that the head would be a good place to wear a bonnet, but such a departure will be a little odd at first.

"My bull has gored your ox," said a man to a lawyer. "Of course you will pay me the damage," said Solon. Soon the man came back; "I was misinformed," he said: "It was your bull gored my ox." "Oh!" said the man of law, "that materially alters the case."

A curious pair are two brothers in Hartford, Conn., employed at the same place of business several miles from their homes, who had a falling out a dozen years ago, and have never spoken to each other since, though they ride to and from work in the same wagon, preserving a moody silence toward each other, with no other companion.

Josh Billings says: "If anybody has hard work of it to please most people, it is an editor. If he omits anything, he is lazy. If he speaks of things as they are, people get angry. If he calls things by their proper names, he is declared unfit for his position. If he does not furnish his readers with jokes, he is a mullet. If he does, he is a rattle-head, lacking stability. If he indulges in personalities, he is a black-guard. If he does not, his paper is dull and insipid."

In the state of Bikaner, India, last year, some seventy or eighty Hindoo fakirs, declaring that their head priest had been unjustly arrested, sat down outside the English agent's house and remained there for eight days, threatening to commit suicide or to starve themselves to death unless their alleged wrongs were redressed. Not until their leader had been released on bail would they touch food, and they had dug graves and placed some of their number in them, to be buried alive, when they carried their point.

A negro minister, who married rather sooner after the death of his wife than some of the sisters thought proper and becoming, excused himself as follows: "My dear brethren and sisters, my grief was greater than I could bear. I turned every way for peace and comfort, but none came. I searched de Scriptures from Genisee to Rebeleation and found plenty of promises to de widder but nary one to de widderer. So I took it dat de Lord didn't waste sympathy on a man when it was in his power to comfort himself; and havin' a first-rate chance to marry in de Lord, I did so, and would do so again. Besides, brethren, I consider dat poor Betsy was just as dead as she would ever be."

There are sixteen directors of the Bank of France. Nobody can be a director unless he owns twenty-five shares of the bank. Now, as each share is worth \$600, each director must have \$25,000 invested in the bank; the great majority of the directors have two or three times this amount of money in bank shares. Rothschilds, Holtzingers and Says are among the largest shareholders, and as they bought their shares when they were worth \$400 each, their dividends on the money invested are an enormous per centum. Only the 200 largest shareholders are allowed to be present and vote at the annual meeting of shareholders, it being assumed that the interest of all the shareholders would be secured in their hands than if every owner of a share had a voice in the bank's management. These 200 shareholders consist of eighty-nine persons who own a hundred shares, and eighty shareholders who own about sixty shares.

AGRICULTURAL—DOMESTIC.

HORSES' HABITS IN LYING DOWN.

I don't know why a horse should not be as much rested and benefited by lying down as any other four-footed beast. A horse often sleeps standing up, and so does an ox. I know that it was claimed for a gray horse once, as a special merit, that he would not lie down unless his stall was well littered; consequently all expense of bedding might be saved, as no doubt it had been. Horses are peculiar about lying down. It seems as if they knew their helplessness when in this position, and were bound never to expose themselves to danger. Although many may be lying down, every horse in a stable is on his feet at the slightest noise. It is, besides, almost universally regarded and usually truly, as a sign of ill health if a horse is found lying down in the day time. I have recently come to the conclusion that if horses are perfectly easy in their minds, they will take as much comfort in lying down as cattle do, and I can point to one stable, not my own, where spirited, well-fed horses may be seen lying down at almost any time of the day or night and it comes from the perfect confidence they have in their groom.

ASHES AS CATTLE FEED.—One of our substantial subscribers in a recent conversation, gave his experience in treating neat stock affected with the habit of eating wood, chewing bones, etc. His cattle were one spring affected this way; they became thin in flesh, refused to eat hay, and presented a sickly appearance. He put about four bushels of leached ashes in his barn yard and threw out to them about a shovelful each day. They ate all with evident relish. After turning them out to pasture he put one peck of dry ashes per week on the ground in the pasture. They ate it all up and gnawed off the grass where it had been lying. The cattle began to improve, gaining flesh and looking better than they had for several years. He now gives one quart of ashes, mixed with the same quantity of salt, to twelve head of cattle, about once a week, and finds it to agree with them wonderfully.

A sweet omelet is simply a rich, fried custard. Take one teaspoonful of sugar, one tablespoonful of cream to every two eggs, mix thoroughly and cook. Serve with jelly.

Gravies may always take the place of butter and syrup when griddle cakes are to be eaten, simply by boiling a pint of milk or cream, and adding a spoonful or two of the batter of which the cakes are made, as a thickening, a little salt and a very little lump of butter may be added. Children are far better satisfied with a creamy gravy than with butter.

RICE PUDDING.—One cup of fresh whole rice; nine cupfuls of new milk and one cup of sugar. Put into a stone or earthen pan, and bake in a moderate oven two or three hours. Stir it two or three times during the first hour; do not increase the heat of the oven after it begins to simmer. be careful not to scorch or blister—a light cover toward the last will be better. Set to cool undisturbed. It is best eaten cold.

SOUP.—Take about four pounds of good lean meat, and boil in about four quarts of water; pare about six small onions, and the same quantity cut in pieces an inch long; one yellow turnip cut in small pieces, and the same quantity of potatoes; boil in a separate saucepan until half done, as that rids the vegetables of a part of the unpleasant smell; when the meat is tender remove it from the broth, and add the vegetables—not the water they were boiled in; then beat well one egg and one tablespoonful of milk, thicken with prepared flour; drop in small quantities to soak; the soup is ready to be taken up, as it must not boil more than five minutes, or it will make it too thick; if the meat is allowed to remain in the soup after it is tender, the soup will be full of fragments of it. This soup is excellent, and as good the next day.

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YOUNG FOLKS' DEPARTMENT.

A WISE BOY.

He was a wise and philosophic boy who always wished that every season would last forever, and when it was gone, was glad when the next following season had come. When it was winter he said, "Oh, glorious winter! What fun there is in skating, and sliding, and snow-balling, and going to school! I wish winter would last forever!"

In the spring he said, "Delightful spring! Season of birds and flowers! How I love the spring! I wish spring would last forever!"

Summer came. Then he said, "The sweet clover! The fun of making hay! And now I can go swimming every day! I wish summer would last forever!"

Autumn followed and he exclaimed, "Oh, ripe and mellow autumn! Oh, luscious season of fruits! Rich and pleasant harvests! Hunter's moon! Rabbits, partridges, and quail! Grapes, apples and pears! I wish autumn would last forever!"

That boy enjoyed this life. That boy was wiser and more philosophic than ten thousand hypocondriacs and croakers.

"I WANT TO BE AN ANGEL."

One Sunday the superintendent was about bringing the exercises to a close by singing a hymn, and looking about over the congregation and children, he asked, "What shall we sing?"

Immediately the clear, sweet voice of a child was heard to say, "Sing

"I want to be an angel."

All eyes were turned to see who had spoken. It was little Aaron, a child of perhaps four years of age. By the side of this little boy stood a man in middle life, but who had spent all his years without any living knowledge of the Saviour. But those childish words touched his heart, and his eyes were full of tears as he looked at little Aaron, who, with a sweet smile on his face, was then singing with the whole school, "I want to be an angel, And with the angels sing."

HINTS TO BOYS AND GIRLS.

- 1. Never look over another person when he is writing a letter, or reading that which does not concern you.
2. Never enter another's room abruptly. Have you special business? Knock gently at the door, or ask permission to enter.
3. Never select the best article of food at the table. Wait till you are helped. Be modest, be polite, and temperate.
4. Never ask trifling or foolish questions, or inquire about things with which you are already familiar. "A fool's voice is known by a multitude of words."
5. Never speak unless you have something to say—think twice before you speak once. "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise."

PROMPTED BY LOVE.

One morning I found little Dora busy at the ironing table, smoothing the towels and stockings.

"Isn't it hard work for the little arm?" I asked.

A look of sunshine came into her face as she glanced toward her mother who was rocking the baby.

"It isn't hard work when I do it for mamma," she replied softly.

How true it is that love makes labor sweet. So when we love the blessed Saviour, we shall not find it hard to work for him. It is love that makes his yoke easy and his burden light.

WHAT FANNY WANTED.—Said little Fanny one day: "I will give you the letters of a word which tells what I want more than anything else. Mother's got it, and God has it, and Jesus has it, and I—haven't. Here are the letters in it: I. N. A. C. E. E. T. P. Only range these letters right and they spell it. What is it?"

If the reader has what Fanny wanted, he will find out Fanny's word without getting cross about it.

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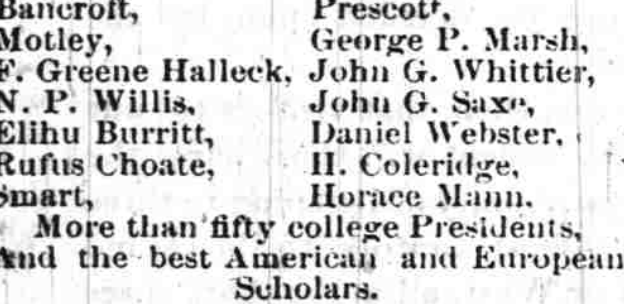
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