

Western Farmers' Almanac, Louisville Ky.

Handy hints for the Housekeeper.

BY J. R. BURDETTE.

A perplexed housekeeper wants to know what she shall do with the tin cans that from day to day accumulate about the house...

You might take the tomato cans, fill them with soft, rich earth, and plant pansy seed in them, and by-and-by a whole handful of all sorts of weeds would come up.

Or, you could take a lobster can and bore three holes at equal distances in the sides close to the opened end. Then cover the can as thickly as you need with the fine plastic material used in the manufacture of cheap statuettes, and employ some good artist to fashion it in graceful shape and beautiful designs.

If you should break a kerosene lamp, save the foot of it, and with a bit of red flannel and blue merino and some white crocheted cotton make a pin-cushion of it.

Then set it in the spare room on the dresser, care being taken to have the cushion fastened on so loosely that it will want a little to one side. Then, when the guest wakes up in the night and sees that awful apparition in the moonlight, he will confess all his sins, put on his clothes hindsides foremost, and dropping himself out of the window, will flee in terror into the wilderness and never come back to spoil your best pillow-shams with his bear's-oily head again.

"It isn't what you get," they say down in West Virginia, "that makes you rich, it's what you save." A few cents saved here and there in household expenses are not noticed at the time, but by the end of the year they aggregate enough to pay the interest on a second hand hoe; and if the newspaper instructions in domestic economy are faithfully followed out the careful housekeeper will, in the course of a year, spend enough to pay for a steam thrasher.

HUMAN CONTRADICTIONS.—"It is powerful sig'lur," old Deacon This-tledop remarked to the pastor, "that a twelve-year-old boy will pound a base-ball with a five-pound club all afternoon, and run nine out to twenty-five miles round a three-cornered circle, and come home fresh as a daisy after it, while he can't hoe down the length of a moderate sized corn-row without gettin' three pains in his back and havin' a sun stroke every time he gets near a shady place to fall down in."

The pastor said, "Yes, it was very singular." He couldn't explain it. He had known grown men, fathers of families, who would march seventeen miles under a ten-pound transparency with "Garfield and Hancock" painted on it, and then protest when a man followed the plow all day he had done walking enough, if the wife asked him to go to the grocery for a jug of molasses.

But the old man only said that if "the Elder would just walk out into the dining room, he guessed supper was about ready."

What the apple is to human kind the carrot is to all kinds of stock. When animals have been eating dry food through a long winter, juicy and refreshing roots like carrots are eagerly welcomed.

You can hardly give too much pounded burned bones to your hens to provide the necessary amount of lime for the egg-shells, and the next best thing for that purpose is oyster-shells.

Plant a tomato-plant in each hill of your melon and squash vines to keep the bugs off.

NORTH CAROLINA EXODUSTERS IN A BAD WAY.—A Washington correspondent writes that some North Carolina colored exodusters "were brought up at the night lodging house Monday evening in a condition of considerable frozenness and yet more hunger and anxiety. They represented that they were from Macon, Warren county, and said they went out to Butler county, Ohio, last March in search of better times, but not finding as good as they had had in the old North State, were making their way back there. They didn't have a cent, were almost naked and the children were crying for food and warmth. They were given as much soup and bread as they could eat, and after a bath were put to bed. There were two men, two women and eight children."

Cows will drink very little in winter if they are compelled to drink ice-cold well-water; and the little they do drink will decrease their milk.

Mulch the small fruits, particularly the currant, heavily in the spring, and you will have plenty of fruit.

The dust heap is as necessary to fowls as water for washing is to human beings. It cleanses their feathers and skin from vermin and impurities.

Do not wait to sort your seed potatoes till the day you want to plant them. Pick them over and store them in barrels.

A few minutes spent in wiping and drying a set of harness that has been out in the rain will save much wear and tear.

For onions there is no fertilizer like wood ashes, as they require a great deal of potash.

Cold water, be it of the purest, and ice in the bargain, is not now used for butter washing, brine having been found far preferable.

Hogs will never fatten if compelled to eat frozen swill or lie in half-frozen mud. Warm their swill and give them clean, dry pens.

Fresh cow-manure, diluted with water until of a paste-like consistency and poured on young melon-vines, is an effectual remedy for beetles and other insects.

One dollar's worth of food when the cow is dry is worth one dollar and fifty cent's worth after she comes in. An animal in poor condition can not digest as much food as an animal in good.

The Secular and the Religious.

Thomas Hughes, in one of his American lectures and reported in Good Literature, says of Dr. Arnold of Rugby:

"The subject he used to speak more earnestly than anything else upon was the danger of attempting to sever the secular and the religious in life. He spoke and preached over and over again on that subject, and it is, of course, one of the most supreme importance to impress upon young men. It should be instilled into them that there is nothing so dangerous as to endeavor to divide their lives in that way; to say that a certain portion of their lives shall be called secular, in which they are bound by one set of rules and principles, and that there is another portion which is called religious, and which has to do with other things, into which enters another set of rules, and another duty is to occupy it. I think that perhaps we owe more to him than to any one else for the teaching of religious things with secular during the past thirty years. The scientific, the agnostic element was not nearly so strong in his day; yet he was assailed by it on the one hand, and on the other by the older High Church spirit. But he never yielded at all in any way, but for us, his pupils, made the battle; and I believe his early teachings have saved many of us, in these trying times, from sacerdotalism on the one side and agnosticism on the other. And especially would I refer to his method of teaching the highest subject of all—the way in which men can approach that greatest subject in the world—the question of the existence and nature of God. He taught us boys, and I think most of us have never forgotten it, that the only way to approach that great subject was the method which God himself has pointed out to us in Revelation. There it shows us that God communicated with all human forces, and we read in the Bible of births and deaths of all human interests, how men lived and how God dealt with them."

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There is nothing there to lead intellectually into paths where it is almost impossible for men to find a firm foothold. Only one firm foothold he used to teach us, and that is the foothold which rests upon God, as made manifest in the flesh, and revealed to us in the New Testament. With that rock under your feet you can approach all those deep questions which are stirring men's minds so tremendously in these times."

"Papa," inquired my little son, "what makes that man so mad? Has some one been and gone and done something most awful bad, that at his hair he wildly tugs with countenance forlorn?" "O, no, my boy; that's not the why his raven locks are torn—eleven different kinds of bugs have got into his corn."—Western Farmers' Almanac, Louisville, Ky.

DIPHTHERIA IN THE MOUNTAINS.—Mr. G. W. Bradley of Wautaga county, was in the city last week and reports that diphtheria is making sad havoc with the children of his neighborhood. Within the space of two miles there were twenty-eight deaths in two months.—Charlotte Dem.

Senator Jones, the energetic, self-made man from Florida, says: "We have not the material wealth that we had before the war, but in my opinion, children now living will see the South far wealthier and more independent than it ever was. Not even the recuperative powers of France, after the German war, have surpassed the energy and spirit of the South since her people have had control of their own affairs. My life has been spent in the South. I know what it was in the past, and I do not think I exaggerate regarding the future. After the passions of war have passed away, and a wise government policy is adopted, we shall soon have all the prosperity we desire."

We do not respond to those who send for sample copies of the Charlotte Democrat. The Democrat is two well known to require sample copies to be sent to any one. The fact is, those who ask for "sample copies" only want them for purpose of getting names to send humbugging Circulars to, which are intended to cheat and deceive. We advise our readers to pay no attention to cards and circulars which they receive through the Post Office from Northern concerns.—Charlotte Democrat.

They are sent to us at the rate of half a dozen a day and they go into the waste lot almost invariably.

Truth needs no flowers of speech.

Don't despise the small talents; they are needed as well as the great ones. A candle is sometimes as useful as the sun.

The new deposed Bishop of Toronto is said to have in his possession an autograph letter from Pius IX., in which that Pontiff wrote that the election of Cardinal Pecci as his successor would be the ruin of the Church.

The total receipts of cotton this season, up to Friday, were 72,079 bales. The total receipts to the same date last year were only 34,335 bales. This gives a total increase of 37,744 bales in favor of this season.—Ral. News and Observer.

This country supplies the Raleigh market with all sorts of things—from a bale of cotton to a rabbit skin. Our wagons carry to Raleigh quantities of cotton, flour, oats, pork, chickens, partition, &c., while droves of cattle are driven there every week. Whenever a wagon is seen in Raleigh you would generally be safe in guessing it came from Chatham.—Pillsboro Record.

A factory has been discovered at Milwaukee from which 12,000 pounds of oleomargarine are sent out every day, with no marks to distinguish it from genuine butter.

One hundred and eighty-nine houses have been destroyed at Memphis within two years, having been condemned by the Board of Health. No compensation was allowed.

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The financial success of Sarah Bernhardt, the noted French actress, in this country, has been exceptional. Her fifty performances since her arrival in America has netted her the sum of \$180,000. She commenced acting in New York, November 8, and twenty-five performances there realized about \$100,000. In Boston fifteen performances given averaged \$3,500 each. She gave a night each at New Haven, Hartford, Springfield, and four in Montreal. She will give in all about one hundred and fifty performances winding up with a farewell in New York. She will then depart for London, where she has an engagement, about April 15.—Charlotte Observer.

We preferred to rest our opposition to the new funding scheme on different grounds than the improper conduct of any official; but as the Observer tries to bolster up the scheme with the influence of the Board of Directors have been speculating in Construction Bonds since the Commission to settle the same was authorized by the Legislature, and they of course have been very anxious to have the proposed settlement approved and endorsed by the Governor. We do not deny the right of individuals to speculate in anything they please, and we have no abuse for "Bondholders" as a class, but when the opinion of a board of directors (some of whom are said to be personally interested) is brought forward to influence the adoption of a measure that many of our best people and tax-payers consider, unfair and oppressive, we have a right to allude to allude to their personal transaction in the matter. But we think the Observer is mistaken in saying that the twelve Directors in the North Carolina Railroad recommend the ratification of the scheme. We know that some of the Directors favor this measure, but we have reason to believe that there are some who do not. We may have more to say on this point hereafter.—Char. Democrat.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE!

By virtue of three Mortgages, or Deeds in Trust, executed by Archibald Henderson and wife, Mary S. Henderson, to Luke Blakmer, dated the 8th day of April, 1871, August 17th, 1872, and Feb'y 27th, 1874, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Rowan county, in Books No. 45, page 531, No. 46, page 346, and No. 48, page 412, &c., and upon such default has been made, I will expose for sale at public auction, at the Court House door in the town of Salisbury, on the 13th day of January, 1881, at 11 o'clock, a. m. the following real estate, to wit: One-half interest in a tract of land consisting of 200 acres, or more or less, situated in Rowan County, adjoining the lands of Jas. B. Lanier, Mrs. Mary S. Henderson, and others. 2d. Another tract of 33 acres, partly situated in Great East Square of the town of Salisbury, adjoining the lands of Mrs. Mary S. Henderson, Jas. B. Lanier, and others. 3rd. Also another tract of 24 acres, or more or less, lying on the waters of Grant's Creek, adjoining the lands of Jas. B. Lanier, John I. Trexler, and others.

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