

Mr. and Mrs. Bowser.

By Mrs. Bowser.

I suppose Mr. Bowser is also like other husbands in regard to household expenses, and as it comes natural to them they cannot help it. When the cook is in want of groceries or provisions she makes out a list and hands it to me, and it is my painful duty to hand the same to Mr. Bowser. I always wait until he has on his hat and coat and is ready to go, and then I try to carelessly observe: "Oh, by the way, the cook gave me a list of three or four articles wanted in the kitchen."

How comes it that my gas bill for December is so high?

"A long month and short days, you know. Always the largest in December." "Oh—all Yes, I see. Very reasonable bill, I think, when one remembers how many rainy days we had. Take it out of this, please."

AN ANCIENT HOOSIER.

Daniel Frederick, who was born in 1789, still on the Earth. Daniel Frederick, who lives on a farm four miles east of Vincennes, Ind., is one hundred years old. He walks with a rustic cane, and is not bowed with age. He steps with a surprising alacrity, and bears with a distinctness and answers with a promptness that is remarkable. His face is not full, nor is his body burly. He is not fat, nor is he thin. He is a farmer, which position accounts largely for his longevity. His short whiskers under his chin were quite gray if not white, but his hair is still nearly black and thick upon his head. It was no little astonishment to hear that he had never worn spectacles and that his eyesight had never failed him. He said he never had what many people call their "second eyesight."

LABOR AND LABORERS.

Key West, Fla., has 21,000 people, and all live by the cigar-making industry, in which 8,000 men and women are employed. The scale paid runs from \$18 to \$40 per thousand, and a fair maker can turn out at least 1,000 per week. Each employe is allowed to smoke as many cigars as he pleases while at work, and he can take five home each day after quitting. They gained an advance of \$1 per thousand last February, and on demanding another increase on a smaller cigar they were all locked out. There are 15,000 Cubans, whites, mulattoes and colored.

Is Consumption Incurable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was with down Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption all my own by my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."

Richmond & Danville Railroad.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE. IN EFFECT NOV. 24, 1889. TRAINS RUN BY 75° MERIDIAN TIME. SOUTHBOUND: Lv. New York, 12:15 A.M., 4:30 P.M.; Philadelphia, 1:45 A.M., 5:45 P.M.; Baltimore, 3:00 A.M., 7:00 P.M.; Washington, 4:15 A.M., 8:15 P.M.; Harrisburg, 5:30 A.M., 9:30 P.M.; York, 6:45 A.M., 10:45 P.M.; Lancaster, 8:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M.; Gettysburg, 9:15 A.M., 1:15 P.M.; Carlisle, 10:30 A.M., 2:30 P.M.; Altoona, 11:45 A.M., 3:45 P.M.; Scranton, 1:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M.; Binghamton, 2:15 P.M., 6:15 P.M.; Elmira, 3:30 P.M., 7:30 P.M.; Corning, 4:45 P.M., 8:45 P.M.; Jamestown, 6:00 P.M., 10:00 P.M.; Buffalo, 7:15 P.M., 11:15 P.M.; Niagara Falls, 8:30 P.M., 12:30 A.M.; Toronto, 9:45 P.M., 1:45 A.M.

Passenger Train Schedule.

Effective May 18th, 1888. Train No. 52, West Bound. Train No. 53, East Bound. Lv. 9:00 a.m. Boston 10:20; 9:30 p.m. New York 11:50; 10:00 a.m. Philadelphia 11:20 noon; 10:30 a.m. Baltimore 11:50; 11:00 a.m. Washington 12:20; 11:30 a.m. Harrisburg 1:50; 11:45 a.m. York 3:10; 12:00 p.m. Lancaster 4:30; 12:15 p.m. Gettysburg 5:45; 12:30 p.m. Carlisle 7:00; 12:45 p.m. Altoona 8:15; 1:00 p.m. Scranton 9:30; 1:15 p.m. Binghamton 10:45; 1:30 p.m. Elmira 12:00; 1:45 p.m. Corning 1:15; 2:00 p.m. Jamestown 2:30; 2:15 p.m. Buffalo 3:45; 2:30 p.m. Niagara Falls 5:00; 2:45 p.m. Toronto 6:15; 3:00 p.m. Montreal 7:30; 3:15 p.m. Quebec 8:45; 3:30 p.m. Halifax 10:00; 3:45 p.m. St. John's 11:15.

Resting the Soil.

Is absolute rest good for the soil? Sir J. B. Lawes says no. On the contrary, he has proved by experiments repeated that land at rest and uncultivated by a crop wastes and loses fertility. Soil kept constantly at work, he says, is gathering strength and fertility, both from the atmosphere and through its own gradual decomposition, which is effected by the roots of the crops it nourishes. Roots have ability to draw out the mineral elements of the soil and to gather matter from the air, both of which are changed into plant food. When in a porous condition, too, the soil oxidizes organic matter and accumulates nitric acid, but it must be kept porous to render it effective. Hence, when not actually growing crops, it should with plow and active by working it with the plow, and particularly manuring it. There is a prevalent idea that land loses much of its manurial treasure by percolating after rains. Sundry laud that has been pictured by the weather following rain the fine white surface efflorescence on its surface; and clayey soil will show the same to a much greater extent. The lesson from practical facts like these is obvious. Plow your fields in the fall, incorporating each with a heavy coating of good manure. This will keep them active all winter, and you will find in spring that the manure has been decomposed and becomes part and parcel of the soil itself—greatly enriching it and insuring it a proportionately increased crop of whatever it is asked to produce. Thus it is, like mercy, twice blessed, blessing both him that gives and him that receives.—Agricultural Bulletin.

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THE DRAKE'S STRATEGY.

How It Captured and Drowned a Marauding Crow. A duck with a brood of ducklings was walking along the edge of Hinkins' pond near Pleasant Mount, Pa., a few days ago when one of a flock of crows that were hanging about the spot lit on the ground near the ducks, and pecked at the water. The ducks, in their indignant sort of way, as though not noticing the presence of the ducks, but with the time drawing closer and closer to them. Finally the crow made a sudden movement, captured a duckling and flew away with it, greeted by a loud chorus of congratulatory caws from its companions who were on the ground. It flew far away as quiet as mice. This was a great commotion in the duck family over the loss of one of its members, and the old duck's drake, which had been swimming in the pond near by, hurried to her and quacked his condolence. After a few minutes another crow, who was then performing a most so neatly, dropping down on the ground and began a system of similar maneuvers. The cawing of the crows ceased instantly, and the eyes of the flock evidently fixed on their scheming companion, watching the result of his wiles. A farmer who had been an eye-witness of the first performance now thought it strange and stupid on the part of the old ducks, after their experience, that they did not take their little ones in the water. But he did not interfere, being curious to see what success the second crow would have. He soon discovered that the ducks had longer heads than he gave them credit for. The crow pecked and sidled along until it was quite near the ducks, when it darted forward and seized a duckling. But the drake had his eye on the marauder, and before the crow had the duckling the drake had one leg, and in spite of the latter's yells and fluttering, plunged in the pond with it. The capture of the duckling filled the flock of crows with alarm, and they rose in a body and circled about with deafening cries. The sudden disappearance of their comrade beneath the water aroused all their suspicious nature, and they flew rapidly away. The drake remained below for an extraordinary long time, and when it came to the surface the crow was not to be seen. The drake afterward. It was as dead as a stone, the reviving drake having drowned it. The drake swam back to its mate and family, and a loud quacking of congratulations followed, after which the whole family launched themselves in the water for a triumphal swim.

THE GUEST DEPARTED.

A Hint to Visitors Who Are in the Habit of Outlasting Their Welcome. Perhaps you have known what it is to have a visitor prolong his or her sojourn with you beyond a reasonable limit—outlast their welcome, that is. The next time this happens the following recipe may be of service to you, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch: Some weeks, or months rather, ago a certain young lady who dwells in another State was invited to stay with a Pittsburgh family. The length of the visit was not prescribed, and the young lady came and stayed all June; then all July, and when August came she showed no signs of moving. She was a medium-weight, average-looking, fairly agreeable young person, and during June her hosts enjoyed her society. In July they began to grow weary of her, and the young lady brought down the cargo of a genuine dislike for the guests. Still they were too well-bred to show their feelings, and if there had not been a mischievous boy of fourteen in the family I have no doubt the girl would still be contemplating the example of the Old Man of the Sea. It was this boy who conceived the plan to start the tartaric bombardment. He studied a weekly journal for the correct style and then wrote a paper which makes a specialty of such things the following paragraph: "Miss —, who has been staying with — for the last three months, has returned to her home in —." The author of this society note took care his victim should see it. She took the hint and departed.

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