

HUMOROUS.

DONE BROWN.—It seems incredible that a man born and raised in Annisquam, Mass., should have been so comically described by the Drawer, as follows, by a lady:—

A well-to-do resident of the village, Capt. W., wished to employ Caleb to saw some wood, three cords and a half in all, and promised to pay him 50 cents a day. Caleb owned no saw, but as the Captain had a good one, it was agreed that Caleb should hire it, and pay for the use of it at the rate of nine cents a cord. At early dawn the next morning—it was in July—Caleb was at work. Those were the days of wide fire-places, and each log needed to be sawed but once. Before night he had finished the job, and went into Capt. W.'s house to settle.

"Let's see," said the Captain, "you were to have 50 cents a day; we'll call it a day, though it isn't sundown yet. That's 50 cents for you. And you were to pay me ninepence a cord for the use of the saw; there's 43½ cents due me. I say, Caleb, you don't seem to have much coming."

Caleb looked dubious. He scratched his head thoughtfully, but presently a light seemed to break in upon his mind. "How unfortunate!" said he, "that you did not have half a cord more, for then we could 'a come out just square!"

A CROOKED ROAD.—The Olean, Bradford & Warren railway must be a very crooked affair, or else some of our good temperance men do not tell perpendicular stories.

They sat on a dry goods box in front of a grocery store talking of new railroads, and the aforesaid road was mentioned in the following complimentary manner:—

No. 1.—Why, it's so crooked that the train ran around a telegraph pole twice.

No. 2.—Worse than that; it's so crooked that the passengers can see the backs of their heads.

No. 3.—Pshaw, you fellows didn't notice the curves. Why, it's so bad that the engineer has to run her like Toptet to keep the rear car out of the engine's way.

That was too crooked even for us, and we immediately invited the boys to indulge in peanuts.

A SHARP RETORT.—A stout English gentleman, a visitor at a fashionable watering-place on the west coast of Scotland, was in the habit of conversing familiarly with Donald Fraser, a character of the place, who took delight in talking boastfully of his great relations. One day, as the gentleman was seated at the door of his lodgings, Donald came up driving a fat bear. "That's one of your great relations, I suppose, you have got with you, Donald?" said the gentleman. "No," quietly retorted Donald as he surveyed the proportions of his interlocutor; "no relation whatever, but just an acquaintance, like yourself."

A SCRAWNY-LOOKING person came into the office the other morning to advertise his wife, who had left him, that people should not trust her on his account. He asked the book-keeper the price and when told, said, in some surprise: "Is that so? Why, that's what I paid to advertise my first wife. I thought prices might have come down."

SEVERAL men swam the Mississippi river above New Orleans for a wager. A reporter of the race says: "None of them seemed to be putting forth much effort till it was discovered that an alligator had struck out from shore as a competitor, and then—well, every man did his best to keep the alligator from carrying off the stakes."

A LADY on the west side was joked the other day about her nose, which has an inclination to turn up. "Ah, do not say anything about my nose. I had nothing to do in shaping it—it was a birth-day present!"

"MY DEAR," said Mrs. Spilkins to her husband, as they were whirling along in a railroad car, "won't you let me have the newspaper a little while?" "Yes, love," answered the affectionate husband, "as soon as we get to the tunnel."

"MR. PRESIDENT," said a Buffalo alderman, "I makes der motion as der new jail be build on der same spot as der old jail what's now standing; dat saves der money for der land, and I makes der motion as der old jail shall not be pull down till der new jail is built, so ve vill not be widout der jail."

"ONCE upon an evening dismal, I gave her a kiss paroxysmal, and called her name baptisimal, precious name I loved of yore. Ah, she was a darling creature, pert of speech and fair of feature; but ead, you couldn't teach her, for she'd been there before, and only murmured, "Buss me more."

"WE HAD a short-cake for tea," said a little boy to a neighbor's boy, to whom he was talking through the fence. "So had we," he answered, "very short—so short that it didn't go round."

WHEN a man reaches the top of a stair and attempts to make one more step higher, the sensation is as perplexing as if he had attempted to kick a dog that wasn't there.

THERE are eighteen grain elevators in Chicago with an aggregate capacity of over 15,000,000 bushels, and of 250 scales in use in these elevators over 240 are Fairbanks'.

"HOW did you learn that graceful attitude?" said a gentleman to a fellow leaning in a tipsy fashion against a post. "I have been practicing at a glass."

"JOHN," said sockney solicitor to his son, "I see you'll never do for an attorney, you have no henery." "Skuse me father," said John, "what I want is some of your chickenary."

THE railroad track is like the ship when you can see a cargo on it.

WHEN the boatswain pipes all hands, who furnishes the tobacco?

IN HOT WEATHER an attack of Diarrhoea, or indeed any complaint of the Bowels, rapidly exhausts the strength, and renders the necessity of prompt treatment imperative; in all such cases Dr. Jayne's Carminative Balsam is an effective remedy, acting quickly and curing thoroughly.

DOMESTIC.

How to Dislodge Bugs.—It is much easier to keep these pests out of a bed or room than to dislodge them after they have put in an appearance, and when a housekeeper pays close attention to cleanliness and ventilation, she need not fear that they will frequent her premises. Yet they are often brought in trunks by visitors, and sometimes they attach themselves to one's clothing in sleeping cars; and again servants often carry them from house to house. When a bed has become infested with them you must take great pains to destroy all the eggs. They are very small, and of a whitish color, and are usually deposited in the crevices of the bedsteads, and along the edges, and in the corner of the mattress. Boiling hot alum water is instant death to both the insects and the larvae; and if it is poured into the joints and cracks of a bedstead it will destroy them all. Wash the bedsteads and sponge the mattresses with it. Then scatter pulverized borax in all the crevices and corners, and not a bedbug will be seen or felt. Bugs are much more annoying in wooden bedsteads than in iron ones, and therefore it is much better to purchase the last named ones for servants' rooms. If the alum and borax are thoroughly applied, and care taken that no more bugs are brought into the house, there will be no further complaints from their attacks. The early spring and early autumn are the best times to attack them, for they are not in an active condition before the weather becomes warm, and in the autumn they can be destroyed for the winter.

ABOUT CANARY BIRDS.—The cage so that no draught of air can strike the bird. Give nothing to healthy birds but rape and canary seed, water, cuttlefish bone and gravel-paper or sand on the floor of the cage. No hemp seed. A bath three times a week. The room should not be over-heated—never above seventy degrees. When moulting (shedding feathers) keep warm, avoid all draughts of air. Give plenty of German rape seed; a little hard-boiled egg, mixed with crackers grated fine, is excellent. Feed at a certain hour in the morning. By observing these simple rules birds may be kept in fine condition for years. For birds that are sick or have lost their song procure bird tonic at a bird store. Very many keep birds who mean to give their pets all things to make them bright and happy, and at the same time are guilty of great cruelty in regard to perches. The perches in a cage should be each one of different size, and the smallest as large as a pipe stem. If perches are of the right sort no trouble is ever had about the bird's toe-nails growing too long. And of all things keep the perches clean.

How to Use a Grindstone.—First, don't waste the stone by running it in water; but, if you do, don't allow it to stand in water when not in use, as this will cause a soft place. Second, wet the stone by dropping water on it from a pot suspended above the stone, and stop off the water when not in use. Third, don't allow the stone to get out of order, but keep it perfectly round by the use of gas-pipe or hacker. Fourth, clean off all grease tools before sharpening, as grease or oil destroys the grit. Fifth, observe: When you get a stone that suits your purpose, send a sample of the grit to the dealer to select by; a half ounce sample is enough, and can be sent in a letter by mail.

Letuce Salad.—Into half a cup of scalding vinegar stir one beaten egg, half a teaspoon of mustard, and a piece of butter the size of a walnut; a little sugar if desirable. It can be turned on the lettuce hot or cold, just as one prefers. The same is fine for cabbage. Another: Two tablespoonsful of thick cream, one tablespoonful of thick cream, one tablespoonful of sugar, and vinegar to taste. This is very much liked by those who do not like much seasoning.

Rats and mice will go into a trap much more readily if a piece of looking-glass is put in any part of the trap where they can see themselves. They are social little creatures, and where they can see any of their tribe, there they will go. Our informant says: I am quite sure of the effect the looking-glass has, as I properly baited my trap for a whole week without being able to coax one of the depredaters in; but the first night after putting in the looking-glass I caught two—one very large and one small rat; and every night since the device has made one or more prisoners.

CENTENNIAL BISCUIT.—Make good corn mush, just as if you were going to eat it with milk; when it is lukewarm take a quart of it, work in flour enough to make a stiff dough, make it into biscuits, put it into a pan and set it into a warm place over night; bake in a very hot oven, and you have the best and sweetest biscuit you ever ate. Eat while hot for breakfast.

SPICED SUGAR.—This is made by mixing and sifting together one tablespoonful finely powdered mixed spices with three of pulverized sugar, one half of cinnamon, the balance equal quantities of nutmeg, allspice and cloves are the proportions which we use, but this can be varied to suit the individual taste.

TEA is best made in an earthenware teapot, which should be kept dry, for if allowed to remain damp after use it becomes musty. The water should always boil when the tea is added. Tea is not wholesome on an empty stomach.

EVERY effect must have a cause; so Boils, Pimples, etc., are the result of poor blood. Purify the blood by using Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture and banish such eruptions as those named.

CORN BREAD WITHOUT EGGS.—One pint meal, one pint flour, one pint buttermilk, one teaspoonful soda, a little sugar or molasses, a little salt. If this seems too stiff put in a little more milk.

A GOOD PUDDING.—One dozen crackers rolled fine, one cup of raisins, three eggs; soak the crackers in milk, then add one-half cup of molasses, one cup of sugar, and the eggs and raisins; then bake one-half hour.

ALL the disinfectants that can be used in sick-rooms, unless accompanied with good ventilation, are useless. Ventilation first, in all cases; this is of primary importance and should not be forgotten.

AGRICULTURE.

MANURING CORN.—Manuring corn in the hill has the effect on poor soil of pushing the crop forward in the start. Hog manure in particular will do this. The effect is quite wonderful, but it gradually disappears, and in the fall, when the crop is gathered, little if any difference is seen between the manured and the unmanured land. It is a permanent impression that is wanted, and this will be the better secured by applying the manure broadcast. The reason of this will be seen when it is considered that the roots of the corn, after it has grown, spread out in all directions, occupying with a network the whole extent of the ground. Hence the benefit of working the ground, as also of broadcast manuring. This explains why working between the rows, and leaving unstirred the soil in immediate or near contact with the hills, proves a success. It also explains why corn thrives upon sod; the sod is everywhere feeding the roots as they extend.

Manure, however, has a benefit when applied in the hill. It will attract or furnish moisture and give increased force to the plant, thus favoring it in a drought and starting it the sooner, just as any rich plant will do. The better way is to follow the plow with an evenly spread coat of manure, giving time enough to wash out the soluble parts before planting, where sod is turned down for manure, and the surface soil needs a stimulant to start the seed. The better way, however, is to turn down the sod early enough and to follow with a coat of manure or some fertilizer, as corn will do better for the increased richness, there being sufficient at the surface to start well the crop without manuring in the hill. Thus there will be well-sustained growth from the time of planting to the end of the season, the increase of fertility securing an increase of yield, and a better preparation of our land for the crops that are to follow. Besides, the high condition of the land will, in a measure, be a guard against the mishaps of the season.

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