THE TIME TO LAUGH.

It Is Certainly Not When a Boy's Father Has Been Kicked by a Colt.

As a matter of fact a boy never should laugh at his father until he (the boy) is 18 years of age, at least. Earlier than that it is not safe. A boy over near the university has for several evenings stood up to eat his meals, and all because he neglected the above rule of conduct. His father takes great pride in the Hambletonian colt he is raising. The old man fairly delights in pottering around the stable, and he can hardly wait until that colt is 4 years old and trots a mile to harness in 2:05¼, as it surely will. The other morning the pater was fussing around in an old silk hat and equally venerable great coat, pitchfork in hand, and while he was walking about the colt's heels the boy gave the animal its feed.

The colt does not allow any familiarities while feeding, and when the old man, in a stooping position, backed up against him, the colt lashed out with both feet. The man stood so near that the kick broke no bones, but he was shot as from a catapult right through the clapboards on the side of the barn. His hat was driven through his tile, and when he extricated himself from the splinters the rim of his headgear hung around his neck like a ruff. He regarded the whole business as rough, and delivered an oath through his hat which the boy regarded as amusing. The youngster laughed. First he stood and laughed, then he laid down and laughed, and rolled over and over and hugged himself and still laughed. But when that devoted father got clear from the wreckage he seized the nearest strap and the boy has not sat on one since. The boy knows now that he is not big enough to laugh at his father.—Minneapolis Tribune.

A Connoisseur.

A man whose face was intelligent, but whose clothes were shabby, and whose bearing was unmistakable that of a man who had shed every responsibility and was taking life as easily as he could—a city tramp, walked comfortably along in Union Square. As he walked he saw upon the ground the discarded end of a cigar; there was more of it than a smoker usually throws away. While he made no particular demonstration over it, the tramp was evidently pleased to find it. He placed it in his mouth and walked on with just a trace of elation added to his manner of habitual uneasiness. After walking a few steps he thought he would smoke it. He paused in front of a man who was sitting on one of the benches reading a newspaper, and asked him for a match. He lighted the cigar carefully, and when he had it fairly alight and going he took it from his mouth and held it up and looked at it calmly but critically, with the air of a connoisseur, and then he lifted his face slightly and blew the smoke into the air. It was clear that he enjoyed his end of the cigar and appreciated the taste of the purchaser.—New York Sun.

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FARM AND GARDEN.

CLOVER AS A NITROGEN TRAP.

The clover plant is a nitrogen trap. It has the remarkable property of taking nitrogen from the air, hence it leaves the soil richer besides furnishing a large crop of hay. The little nodules, called tubercles, which are seen on the roots of the plant and which contain thousands of little things called bacteria, are said to give this plant its peculiar power. Peas, beans, vetches, lupines, etc., also produce these nodules and are nitrogen gatherers.—Chicago Times.

CONSTRUCTION OF A windmill.

There are two necessary points about a windmill that are indispensable. These are the sails, which are fitted to the arms, and the pivoting of the arm shaft so that the face of sails may be turned into the wind. If these are properly arranged the mill may be of any kind of fashion. An eight-armed mill may be made to carry ordinary sails, or the fans may be made of thin wood or of metal frames, with wood or metal vanes. There is no difficulty in making a wooden shaft, and it may be made so as to be tapered and brought into the wind from the lower part. The tower must be solid enough to stand firmly, and be anchored well to the ground. With the attention to these points any mechanic can make a windmill for about four times as much as he can buy a factory-made one ready made by the special manufacturers.—New York Times.

DESTROYING SQUIRRELS.

A certain way to destroy weeds is first to keep them from seeding and then to keep them burned. This, however, is for the beginning. They will then be "conquered from breakfast time to the time to leave home." Consequently they must be kept in under thorough cultivation. It must be thought that this is also the most troublesome, but it is a necessity, and one with a bad habit the sooner we all have to abandon it at once and to persevere with necessary and never give up till after the old habit ceases entirely. So it is with weeds; they must not be permitted to mature from the seed attached, but constantly be kept down. The seeds of weeds lying dormant in the soil years in this way.—New York World.

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A bulletin has recently been issued by Professor Malloch, in Ontario Agricultural College, offering a short summary of instructions to the farmers that practice in agriculture and stockings [illegible] profit in the dairy. Some industry in the dairy industry in Ontario. President Mills argues that it is the duty of the public school to teach the same extent that facts in the other branches are instructed and only in the elements of scientific agriculture, but in some of the public schools that undertake the [illegible] practice of the [illegible] by which [illegible] and farm [illegible] [illegible]. This [illegible] is [illegible] yielded to the teachers in the belief that they may be established the use of table instruction in agriculture by plan lessons to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] simple that [illegible] [illegible] public school [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] character [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]