

BY-AND-BY. Oh little boy, oh merry boy, I hear your laugh ring out...

It cannot think. It does not know. It has no true perception, nor any mental...

A SERMON FOR SUNDAY. A STRONG DISCOURSE ENTITLED, "AN ADVANCE ORDERED."



THE EARLIEST SWEET CORN. And How One Suburbanite Secured the Best.

When Fortune Knocked. How the Plans of the Selfish Daughters and the Mercenary Sons-in-Law Were Thwarted by an Akin-Soldier with a Ladder.

By Helen Whitney Clark.

"It's for your own good, maw," urged Elmira, the youngest daughter, persuasively.

"Too bad the kitchen chimney smokes so," she declared on the second day of her stay.

"Dear, dear," sighed the widow, while her knitting-needles clicked an accompaniment to the colloquy.

"There looms a cloud of doom," admitted Margie, "I've noticed it myself, but I reckon on Dave kin's little maw."

"Now, look here, maw, put in Adeline, the eldest of the three sisters, determinedly.

"Not to mention that the chimney smokes, an' the board is all over the place."

"I want her to come an' live with me, but she wouldn't hear to reason. Maw is powerful set in her way, 'pears like."

But not even the bountiful feast which was spread, and to which they did ample justice, could gladden the sons-in-law to the gregarious and irremediable blindness had made.

"The fat's in the fire now," they reflected. "If we had a-paid the interest on that mortgage we'd have had a share in the profits of the honey business, to say nothing of 'bein' remembered in the old lad's will."

When, however, the rich stores packed away there proved too tempting for their rodents, and they began to make incursions into the cold storage rooms at first paying a hurried call and as soon as they had taken a few nibbles reaching with a shiver out into warmer places.

Gradually, however, these visits were lengthened and became more frequent, not without considerable mortality among the rats, but in the end there grew into being what is known as the "cold storage rat."

Uncle Sam's passenger rolling stock would make a solid train 500 miles long.

A claim recently taken from Greenwich Bay, Rhode Island, weighed an ounce over two pounds.

One of the curiosities of the island of Mahé, in the Indian Ocean, is the chapel that is built of coral.

Extraordinary qualities are possessed by the River Tinto, in Spain. It hardens and petrifies the sand in its bed, and if a stone falls in the stream and alights upon another, in a few months they unite and become one stone.

Such is the law of progress which is here applied to the church, both collectively and individually.

"I gave them myself," said a woman one day: "When my children were young, I thought the very best thing I could do for them was to give them myself."

It had to neglect my house often, I had time to indulge myself in many things, which I should have liked to do, but I was too busy to do so.

Principles of Morality. Possibly the least important thing in the relations of an individual to the rest of the world is the duty of abstract righteousness.

Wrong Acting from Wrong Thinking. In China a man is required to mourn the death of his father for three years, and of his mother for two years.

The Game of Turtle. Here's a game for boys and girls who have good, strong muscles. It is called "Turtle."

How to Whiten Piano Keys. To whiten piano keys, wash them with a strong solution of nitric acid to an ounce of soft water.

Back teeth and hookworms should be looked after, as they have to perform balancing feats every day.

Low Head Fruit Trees. For several reasons fruit trees with low heads are to be preferred.

As to Milking. Do not put more cows on your hired men's hands than they can milk without physical discomfort.

Lice on Cherry Trees. Tobacco water is better than anything else for killing lice on cherry trees and other fruit.

Protecting the Radish Bird. To prevent worms from destroying radishes, sprinkle the ground well with salt, on each side of the row.

Finishing Barley. Barley for feeding purposes has the greatest feeding value some time before it is dead ripe, and at this period also there is the heaviest weight per bushel.

The Potato Field. One sure way of having sufficient moisture to grow a large crop of potatoes is to cover the entire potato field with a six-inch layer of straw.

Sheepfold and Piggy. Petting sheep is almost as good as feeding them.

Way to "Get Rich Quick." There is no disputing the fact that in America, at least, the best way of coming to have a terror of baldness fully equal to the similar terror in the women.

Many who raise poultry seem to think that more than a good rooster they should not pick up their entire living during the summer.

Abundance of food by being given and cut while the hens are in the milky stage. The straw is then in a palatable condition, containing portions of the nutrition which have been arrested on their way to fill out the heads.

Indians as Customers. Mrs. J. L. White is from Porter, I. T., where her husband runs a store. Porter is a brand new town and is now in the boom stage.

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Youngest Confederate Soldier. John W. Mayhall of Marshall county makes the claim that he is the youngest Confederate Veteran living.

Laizet People on Earth. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the Koreans are the laizet people on earth.

Not much wonder, seen 'paw was sick so long, an' her livin' all alone here since he died," assented Adeline, the self-appointed speaker.