

GIVE US BACK THE TAILS.

If we, as Mr. Darwin says, From monkeys are descended, Old Time, in changing things, hath not As yet the matter mended;

They had no fashions, no promenade, Where beauty's feet could stray; He then the old monkey had, No milliner to play.

THE LEARNED PIG.

BY DON PIATT.

I have a turn for swine. I might say that I have a taste for swine. I do not mean a taste for pork, but a liking for the living pig.

With these tastes and ideas I was walking slowly along Pennsylvania avenue, when I saw the sign of "Learned Pig," done in huge letters upon the side of a house.

When the room was sufficiently filled, the consumptive orchestra abandoned his post, and going to the door relieved the gentleman who had expressed the sage opinion touching the tendency counterfeiting currency had to gravitate to the audience.

On Wakefulness.

The primary cause of wakefulness is an increase in the quantity of blood circulating in the brain; hence, any condition or cause capable of inducing this state of the cerebral circulation may give rise to it.

This amazing use of heavy English evidently impressed Ben with the belief that his exhibitor was swearing violently, and he set about his tasks with a cheerful alacrity that was manifested by a continual twisting and untwisting of his hind appendage, accompanied by a series of grunts that told of his anxiety.

"Now, my dear sir," I said, leaning over confidentially, with my face braided between my two hands, and my elbows planted on the table, "how under heaven do you manage to instruct a hog?"

"I have had in my time all sorts of table talk from horses to wines; but for the first time had a full dish of hog-talk."

"I went for the hog. That intellectual beast took me. I bought him for his proprietor, the colored citizen, for a jug of old rye, and then I set about his education."

WORTHY OF IMITATION.—Our young friend T. P. Frederick, was married last week. That was very well, but the best part remains to be told.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

(Original.)

FEEDING STOCK.—The next most important thing to observe after certain specific arrangements in stock breeding, in order to breed well-formed and healthy stock, is the necessity of so feeding the animal that all the energies naturally belonging to the system will be kept in prime vigor, and thereby not only maintain the health, but also promote the continued due natural manifestations of the functions of the animal to a good age.

Experiments in the feeding of cows in order to produce the largest amount of cheese, have been carried to that extent that nine hundred pounds of cheese have been produced in one season, and continued for three years, when the stock thus purchased at a very high price has been found to have been entirely used up, and consequently, the dairy had to be again filled with a new lot of cows.

It will be only necessary to state that notwithstanding the large amount of cheese obtained from the cow, the experiment was unprofitable, although it was tried with the change of stock every three years for the term of nine years.

It may be also stated that nowhere is the effect of excessive feeding more manifest than in the manner of keeping horses, as it not only wears out the animal much sooner than if due regard was paid to feeding, but is a fruitful source of disease, and thus many valuable horses have been prematurely lost to the owners, and thereby a sacrifice of the price of a fine and desirable animal whose services might have lasted for many years.

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That Ice Cave—situated somewhere in Iowa, we believe—must be a grand place to visit about this time.

August is said to be the very best month in which to see the cave, for then it is the frostiest. In the winter the temperature is so warm and dry and free from ice, but when the "hotted term" comes on, water leaks through the earth into the cave, and conglomeration begins.

When one emerges in midsummer from this ice cave to the outer world the sensation is like entering an oven in good baking order. For the benefit of all who desire to cool themselves off, we mention that this wonderful refrigerator is in the town of Decorah, on the Little Iowa River, twelve miles south of the Minnesota line.

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